

'Life Saver' Offering Lags Behind '79 Pace

ATLANTA (BP) — The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions has reached nearly eight percent of its goal of \$15.5 million, William G. Tanner told directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"As of Tuesday, April 15, the offering amounted to \$1,218,748, slightly behind last year at the same time," Tanner said. "We believe the offering will accelerate, but we must have at least 14 percent of the goal in April if we are to reach the total amount," he added.

Tanner told directors the Annie Armstrong offering is a "life saver" for the Home Mission Board in these times of inflation and economic uncertainty.

"We're very concerned about inflation and what it's doing. We know we're going to have to really take a hard look at our operation. Gifts keep going up, but they are not keeping pace with inflation," he said.

Tanner noted that since 1967, consumer prices have increased 93 percent, and total gifts to Southern Baptist churches have increased 119 percent. At the same time, the funds those churches sent to their state conventions increased only 90 percent, and

the funds sent to the Home Mission Board rose only 75.6 percent.

"That means that we're now more than 17 percent behind cost increases," he said. "The problem, as I see it, is not how the funds are divided, but the amount of the resources we have to divide."

Tanner noted he believes the Home Mission Board has "the responsibility to promote the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget as well as the special offering."

With costs increasing, Tanner noted the board will have to depend increasingly on volunteers, and added he hopes rising inflation will not cut the numbers of volunteers available for service.

"Last year, some 33,477 persons participated in volunteer missions projects," he said. "The needs are still the same this year, and I hope gasoline prices, increased hotel bills and other travel costs will not cause some churches to decide not to do missions projects."

Tanner suggested that churches might consider sending smaller groups or using smaller vehicles for transportation as ways to counter the rising prices.

Clergy Spy Use Debate Continues

WASHINGTON (BP) — Members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence heard conflicting testimony here on what relationships should be allowed between the intelligence community and clergy and academics.

The committee is considering the "National Intelligence Act of 1980" (H.R. 6588 and S.2284), which prohibits intelligence agents from posing as clergy, academics and journalists, but does not ban the use of members of these groups as sources of intelligence information.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, joined with Anthony Bellagamba of the U.S. Catholic Mission Council in urging the committee to place restrictions against the use of clergy as intelligence sources.

Wood, whose agency represents eight national Baptist groups with a membership of more than 27 million, requested that the language of the bill be changed to prohibit any paid, coerced or solicited relationship between the intelligence community and clergy.

While Wood and Bellagamba argued that the mission of the church and the process of intelligence gathering are

incompatible, two members of the panel disagreed. Ernest W. Lefever of the Washington-based Ethics and Public Policy Center and Charles A. Moser of the George Washington University

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Foreign Board Does Not Favor SBC Budget Motion

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — "Neither I nor the Foreign Mission Board is sponsoring or supporting action from the floor" of the Southern Baptist Convention to alter the 1980-81 Cooperative Program budget recommendation of the SBC Executive Committee, R. Keith Parks said here.

The response of the board's executive director came after at least one pastor had stated publicly that he would go to the annual meeting in St. Louis to make a motion to increase the percentage of the Cooperative Program receipts to the Foreign Mission Board.

In February, the Foreign Mission Board went on record to oppose strongly what it feels is an inadequate 8.11 percent increase in its share of the 1980-81 budget. The Foreign Mission Board will receive 48.40 percent of the 1980-81 total operating budget compared to 48.69 percent of the 1979-80 budget. Although a percentage decrease, it represents a \$2.7 million increase.

"I don't think this matter can be properly handled from the convention floor," Parks said in an interview with Louisiana's Baptist Message when the board held its April meeting in Alexandria, La.

"It's too complicated. It ought to come out as a recommendation of the Executive Committee," added Parks, who told the board there is a good chance of a motion in St. Louis to amend the budget. "I am afraid such a motion will come" if it is not headed off, he said later.

Parks addressed the subject at the Alexandria meeting in response to a request from board President John Patterson for clarification.

He said he had no desire for dissension. He said the Foreign Mission Board was simply trying to express its frustration to the Executive Committee on a peer group level.

"It was not the board's intention to make a public issue of this," Parks

told Baptist Press, "but an honest effort to ask the Executive Committee to examine needs. Public comment has distorted our original intention. It was not our purpose to precipitate fragmentation or dissension with this action."

Asked if he would speak to any floor motion which might arise in St. Louis, Parks said he would have to wait to see the circumstances of such a motion, although his preference is not to say anything publicly.

"My only motivation for speaking in St. Louis would be to promote unity and harmony and encourage a spirit of oneness," Parks told Baptist Press.

Parks earlier elected not to make a public comment during the Executive Committee's February meeting which followed the Foreign Mission Board protest.

In February, Parks and Patterson sent letters to members of the Executive Committee at the board's request expressing "extreme frustration and disappointment in the distribution of funds."

Parks said the action of the board came because of a 10-year trend of decreasing the percentage of new Cooperative Program funds to the Foreign Mission Board and because the board's increase was less than at least nine other SBC agencies and less than the 8.7 percent average increase.

Liberia Returning To Normalcy Following Tolbert's Assassination

MONROVIA, Liberia (BP) — The new government in Liberia appears to be taking steps to return the country to normalcy following the assassination of Liberian President William R. Tolbert, Jr., a Southern Baptist missionary reported April 15.

The report, received through ham radio communications, gave the first details of conditions in the aftermath of the April 12 assassination of Tolbert, who was also president of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention.

Tolbert, president of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention since 1968, and president of Baptist World Alliance, 1965-1970, was killed April 12 in a military coup led by national guard Master Sergeant Samuel Doe. His death came one day before Baptists in Liberia were scheduled to break ground for a new Baptist convention building as part of a three-week centennial celebration of Baptist work in the country.

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks and John E. Mills, board secretary for West Africa, were to have participated in the centennial celebration, with Parks speaking during the groundbreaking.

Ironically, a telex message from Tolbert to Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, arrived at the Baptist Press office April 11. The message asked Rogers to delay

his trip to Liberia to participate in the centennial because Tolbert planned to be in Zimbabwe for independence festivities April 16.

Parks and Mills left Dakar, Senegal, their first overseas stop on a two-week survey trip, early April 12, minutes before missionaries in Dakar learned of the coup in Liberia. The plane, not allowed to land in Monrovia, was diverted to Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Mills plans to remain in Abidjan for a few days to monitor the situation. Parks continued with his survey trip schedule.

Southern Baptist missionary Jane Park reported April 12 that most of the 45 missionaries currently in Liberia had gathered in Monrovia for the groundbreaking ceremony before the coup. Those whose homes are located outside the city are staying at the seminary until further notice.

According to news reports, Richard A. Henries, who was House speaker in Tolbert's government, was scheduled to be tried for treason April 14. Henries, a Baptist layman, has served as chairman of deacons at Providence Baptist Church in Monrovia.

Mrs. Tolbert, who was president of the Woman's Missionary Union in Liberia, was reported to have been arrested. Her son A. B. Tolbert, considered earlier to be a possible successor to his father as president, was beheaded and buried in a hole, a son-in-law, was shot to death, according to early news reports.

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By Directors Of Missions

Statewide Chaplaincy Work Set To Begin At Parchman

By Tim Nicholas

Mississippi Baptists are beginning a statewide chaplaincy ministry at Parchman Penitentiary.

After months of groundwork, the ministry, steered by directors of missions from the five closest associations to Parchman, is beginning its search for a chaplain to staff the ministry.

This program has the support of the Parchman administration and planning meetings have been attended by Chaplain Ronald Padgett, who coordinates volunteer services for Parchman. None of the staff chaplains are Baptist.

The proposed program will include a ministry to the prison staff and their families and to the inmates and their families. Also the chaplain will coordinate Baptist volunteers and offer training for these.

The steering committee, led by M. C. Johnson, director of missions for LeF-

lore, Holmes, and Humphreys Counties, is also looking into the purchase of a double-wide trailer to serve as office and training space for the ministry and will decide shortly on a place — off the Parchman grounds — for the site of the office.

The chaplain will have the same privileges of visitation as the employed chaplains, according to Johnson, and will visit inmates and offer coordination of ministries to families across Mississippi through local churches and associational directors of missions.

The job description places heavy emphasis on a ministry to the Parchman staff and families. It may include visitation, services as a spiritual minister, and encouragement to participate in the life of a local church. There are 720 employees, who with their families, make up a total of 2,000 free world people involved with

Parchman. One-hundred-thirty-eight of these families live on the 20,000 acre campus.

Johnson emphasized, "We're not trying to start a mission church. It's a chaplaincy ministry."

He explained the difficulties of Sunday services with Sunday as the big visitation day at Parchman, keeping the staff busy.

There are approximately 1,800 inmates in the 20 camps at Parchman. Fewer than one half of these camps have regular religious services, according to the steering committee.

One objective of the ministry will be

to communicate with ministers in Mississippi towns to provide extension ministry to members of the inmates' families who may be in need of spiritual guidance and Christian fellowship, according to Johnson.

For the past two summers volunteers from Sunflower County, joined this summer by volunteers from Leflore County, have been holding backyard Bible clubs. About 75 children of staffers were involved each year.

The steering committee is composed of directors of missions from Bolivar, Leflore, Riverside, Sunflower, and (Continued on page 3)



Left to right from man with back to camera is M. C. Johnson; Edgar Donahoe, layman, Roundaway Church; Ray Grissett; Granville Watson, Sunflower County; Mike Throver, pastor, Sunflower Church; Max Hollyman, pastor, Roundaway; Doyle Cummings, pastor, First Church, Itta Bena; Howard Davis, pastor, Union and Pine Forest Churches; Nolan Houston, Montgomery-Carroll; and Ronald Padgett, chaplain. This was a Parchman ministry steering committee meeting at Parchman.

You're Never Too Old To Have Bible Drills

Adult Bible drills followed the youth Bible drills promoted in Church Training last year at New Hope Church, Jones County.

Earl Clark, pastor, said, "Last year as our church saw youth and children's Bible drills coming to a close, and as we saw what God was doing through the youth and children of our church, my wife, Charlotte, began to do some serious thinking about adults. Charlotte wondered why adults could not do the same thing. She brought it to the attention of our church one Sunday night. Of course, her proposal was received with much laughter because most of the adults thought they could not do it."

The youth Bible drill students had always tried to talk some of the adults into trying it, just to show them how hard it was to find a verse and step out in eight seconds. So two youth Bible

drill students, Rhonda Freeman and Teresa Robertson, volunteered to be leaders and work with the adults.

The pastor met with Rhonda and Teresa to plan an adult Bible drill. They took the youth Bible drill pamphlet and adapted it for adults. Last year the scriptures were on the Doctrine of Salvation. The three decided to use the books of the Bible, scripture searching, and the verses concerning salvation. They also decided to allow the adults ten seconds instead of eight seconds.

The adults met together once each week on Sunday afternoon before Church Training. They were divided into two groups. Rhonda worked with one group and Teresa worked with the other. Twelve or fourteen adults began to study and work. Twelve adults participated in the church drill. They ranged in ages from 24 to 60.

In the adult Bible drills the church had a church drill, associational drill, and a state drill, all of this carried on in New Hope church. Each drill was progressively harder as to seconds allowed, and number of mistakes permitted. They adapted this from the youth pamphlets as they saw best. These three drills were conducted during a portion of the Sunday night service for three consecutive Sunday nights.

"It was an exciting thing to see adults quoting scripture and being able to use their Bibles so well," said the pastor.

The leaders, Rhonda and Teresa, also brought it before the church to buy each participating adult a trophy just as trophies had been given from the (Continued on page 2)

Lamar Liquor Bill Dies In Senate Recommitment

House Bill 978, the one that would have allowed liquor to be sold in areas of dry Lamar County, was sent back to the Senate Finance Committee by the Senate last week.

By a 25 to 23 vote the Senate recommitment the bill on a motion by Emerson Stringer of Columbia, the senator for Lamar County.

This action in effect killed the bill, due to the fact that the deadline has passed for bills to be reported out of committees.

Stringer led the opposition to the bill and based his attack on his motion to recommit the bill. His chief ally was Wayne Burkes of Hinds County, but several other Senators took direct

shots at the bill through questions from the floor. Among these were Bill May of Fulton, Bill Minor of Holly Springs, Bill Harpole of Starkville, and John William Powell of Liberty.

Rick Lambert of Hattiesburg led the effort in support of the bill. He was joined in the support by Ellis Bodron of Vicksburg, who is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

The main thrust of the bill was to allow the sale of liquor in a small area of Lamar County into which the city limits of Hattiesburg have reached. Hattiesburg is wet by virtue of Forrest County being wet. Lamar County is dry. (Continued on page 5)

WMU Special Day Will Be May 5 For Church Women

WMU Special Day was begun May 7, 1961, with only four allocations. The goal of \$10,000 was to be used for aged minister's relief, WMU Training School, Margaret Fund love gifts, and conventionwide WMU headquarters building in Birmingham.

Through the years allocations and goals have changed, but the primary purpose of the offering has been to meet some special needs our state WMU feels should be met but which are not included in budgets of departments or organizations in our state.

Through prayer for and gifts to these special needs, Mississippi WMU observes this as an activity for the girls and women. It is not promoted as a churchwide observance.

In January, 1972, the executive board of Mississippi WMU extended

its expression of appreciation for Edwina Robinson, who retired as executive-secretary of Mississippi WMU in 1971, by giving the offering her name, the Edwina Robinson Special Day Offering.

The goal for 1980 is \$40,000. Program materials following the theme "Sharing Our Love Through Giving" have been prepared and distributed by Mississippi WMU for use by women and girls throughout the state on May 5, 1980.

Allocations will be made for scholarships, Camp Garaywa, leadership training, Reader's Digest for all Mississippi missionaries, and help for aged ministers and widows. Other allocations include money for the International student conference, and for Mississippi missionary appointees.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST WOMAN'S UNION
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MAY 5, 1980



WMU SPECIAL DAY
Edwina Robinson Special Day Offering
Goal: \$40,000

Board Allocates \$5 Million, Raises Furlough Pay By \$420

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has allocated another \$5 million in 1979 Lottie Moon funds, raised the cost-of-living supplement for furloughing missionaries by \$420 each per year, and received cost estimates for a new missionary orientation center.

The actions were taken at the board's April meeting in Alexandria, La., where board members were told that giving to the 1979 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions had reached a record \$37,425,200, which is 92.4 percent of the \$40.5 million goal.

The board earmarked \$32 million of the offering for overseas operating needs under the 1980 budget, plus \$5 million anticipated for capital projects. The new action specifies the particular projects to which the capital money will be allocated.

The board voted \$160,000 to cover the cost of raising missionaries' furlough cost-of-living supplements by \$420 each per year. This will make the furlough supplement \$2,790 per missionary, effective May 1, 1980. In addition, each missionary also receives a basic salary and allowances for children and for rent.

Before the adjustment, the total actual furlough salary for two missionary parents with three children was \$17,238, or \$9,010 per single person. The

overseas pay varies with the cost-of-living provided for each mission field, since such costs are much higher in some countries than others.

The board also authorized appointment of a special committee to make an in-depth study of exchange rates and changes in inflation that affect the overseas cost-of-living supplements of missionaries.

The board received a detailed report on the estimated costs involved in relocating its missionary orientation center in the Richmond area. Callaway Gardens, Ga., present site of orientation, is limited in the number of missionaries it can handle and is not available in the tourist season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harwood Cochrane of Richmond have donated a 233-acre site for a new center near Richmond. The board is weighing the costs of developing a center at this location while also considering the United Methodist Children's Home site, a 29-acre location on Broad Street about two blocks from the board's home offices in Richmond.

Costs in both instances for a fully developed program at the sites were approximately \$7 million, a figure which board members said would have to be raised by individual gifts for this specific purpose.

Board members re-elected John W. Patterson of Virginia as president and

Doris Müllendorff of Kentucky as first vice president. The titles of elected officers are expected to be changed later to chairman and vice chairmen to avoid confusion with the board's use of president and vice presidents for chief administrative officers, effective May 1, 1980.

The April board meeting next year is scheduled for Florida, April 6-8, with the appointment service at the Lakeland Coliseum and the meeting in Tampa.

Car Wreck Kills Nigerian; Injures Mission Personnel

EKU, Nigeria (BP) — An automobile accident has claimed the life of a Nigerian Baptist leader and left two Southern Baptist missionary personnel seriously injured.

Titus Oluwafemi was killed instantly. Mission Service Corps volunteer Robert W. Sorrels, 28, a resident of Washington, D. C., is paralyzed and in critical condition. William D. Bender, 55, missionary to Nigeria since 1955, is in serious condition. Bender will be flown to a hospital in the United States when his condition stabilizes at the Baptist Hospital in Eku, Nigeria, where both men are being treated.

Big Visitation Starts Missionaries Good News Campaign On Furlough

NORTHBOROUGH, Mass. (BP) — Southern Baptist churches in the six-state New England Baptist General Association visited more people in their region March 22 than they had ever reached in a single day to kick off the Good News New England campaign.

Over 2,000 prospects were added to church files from the 5,065 homes contacted on that one Sunday of mass visitation.

Churches in Connecticut, New

Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont, 53 in all, started a four-day Sunday school growth emphasis week in their churches with the visitation program.

The Good News New England program will continue the week of May 11 with more than 65 churches holding revivals throughout New England.

One of the primary goals for the Good News New England effort is to start 20 new church-type missions which will almost double the number currently in operation.

There are about 75 Southern Baptist churches, chapels and fellowships in New England.

Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi are:

Jerry and Glenda White, Korea, 715 East Northside Drive, Jackson; Wayne and Florence Frederick, Guadeloupe, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson; James and Mary Slack, Philippines, 407 North 38th St., Hattiesburg; Errol and Mary Simmons, Spain, 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg; Donald and Jo Redmon, Costa Rica, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; James and Guinevere Young, Bangladesh, 1625 Easy St., Yazoo City; Joan and Jimmy Barentine, Paraguay, Box 68, Crystal Springs (will leave May 16);

Hal and Lou Ann Lee, France, Box 942, Clinton; Betty Hart, Chile, Box 1 Sandy Hook (will leave May 6); Larry and Cheryl Cox, Ivory Coast, Route 4, Starkville; John and Clara Scholter, South West Africa, 2423 Brandon Ave., Jackson; Cynthia McGee, (medical leave) Chile, 228 Fredrica Ave., Jackson; Dorothy Latham, Equatorial Brazil, Box 16, Forkville; Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Liberia, Box 94, Noxapater;

Helena and Payton Myers, Nigeria, Route 1, Box 329, West Point; Paulette and James Kellum, Philippines, c/o James L. Kellum, Sr., Box 95, Tutwiler.

Others who will arrive in the States during May and June are Shirley Jackson, South Brazil; Rachel Dubard, Liberia; Margaret Fairburn, Liberia; John and Fonce McFadden, Nigeria; and Sue and Ronald Ballard, Paraguay.

BUCKOW, GDR — Since December 17, 1979 Baptists in the German Democratic Republic have had a new reason to look forward to this year's Easter offering for their seminary according to Wort und Werk. On that day they purchased an adequate building for seminary classrooms and living quarters. "Haus Rehoboth," retreat house of the Gossner Mission, at Neuen Promenade 34, became available. It is on land adjacent to the Bethel Deaconess Home owned by Baptists. Since 1959 when the government required seminarians to be tained in GDR and not in Hamburg, the Bethel Home has housed the seminary on a "temporary" basis. (EBPS)

Bible Drills

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church to each child and youth who participated in Bible drills. The trophies were given in the categories of good, excellent, and superior.

Plans are already underway to provide this opportunity again to the adults in the church.

Clergy Spy

Use Debate . . .

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faculty countered that a prohibition against the use of clergy and academics would unnecessarily handicap the intelligence community.

Wood stated that the use of clergy by the intelligence community is a "blatant affront" to the principle of separation of church and state and also "perverts" the mission of the church.

"The integrity of religious mission and ministry at home and throughout the world would be compromised by even the possibility that clergy, missionaries, or church workers were arms of the government," the Baptist spokesman said.

London, England — Nottingham was the scene of the annual assembly of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, April 14-17, according to a report from David Russell, Union general secretary.

After two years of intensive study, a strategy for action by Baptists through the eighties was presented for consideration. It includes proposals for new evangelistic ventures in areas of special need, such as the inner-city and among people of other faiths, and the production of a wide range of literature.

Baylor Editors Told "They Ought To Go Somewhere Else"

By Terry Barone

WACO, Texas (BP) — Three Baylor University students involved in the controversial Playboy issue say they are dazed after they were advised their scholarships will not be renewed and were urged to seek an education elsewhere.

Two of the three students losing scholarships, Jeff Barton and Cindy Slovak, were fired as editors of The Lariat, Baylor's student newspaper, in February, along with Barry Kolar, a graduating senior.

The other student facing loss of scholarship is Sheri Sellmeyer, a former Lariat assistant editor, who resigned after the firings. She is current president of Sigma Delta Chi, the student journalism society on campus.

The student editors raised Baylor administrative wrath in February when they published two editorials supporting girls' rights to pose for a Playboy photographer. A photographer for the magazine has since visited Waco to photograph Baylor coeds for a fall edition featuring "Girls of the Southwest Conference." None of some 80 girls who showed up were photographed nude.

Miss Sellmeyer, a junior journalism and German major, said she and the other students were advised of the scholarship loss during a meeting April 3 with Loyal Gould, chairman of the journalism department, and three

other faculty members.

"We hadn't done anything in the past three weeks (before the scholarships were withdrawn) — not a thing, not a single thing and then, all of a sudden, we're called on the carpet... and told because of our continuing efforts to damage the university our scholarships were taken away," Barton said.

Barton said Gould gave them no specifics when they asked what they had done to continue damaging the university. Barton said he feels agitation by some other students on campus is being blamed on him and the two other students.

He said the three were urged to continue elsewhere at another university and were asked to turn in their letters to the journalism banquet for April 9. The annual banquet was the event at which scholarships are announced for the coming year and journalism honors are awarded.

Gould said the most important reason the scholarships were yanked is because the administration felt that the students' activities had caused a major donor to remove a \$7,000-a-year scholarship from the journalism department.

Barton, who had received a \$500 scholarship this year, was expecting to receive a larger amount next year. Both women had received \$1,000 scholarships this academic year. Their scholarships were not contingent on

their being a staff member of the newspaper.

"I don't know what I'm going to do yet," Miss Sellmeyer said. "I don't think I can afford another private school. My immediate plans are to finish this year and then see what happens."

Miss Sellmeyer, who has a 3.94 grade average, said she is "confused and disappointed" in Baylor. "I still have a lot of friends at Baylor, and I like a lot of my professors," she said. "I have worked hard for what I've got. It's all kind of like a bad dream," she said. "This is not what I expected from Baylor. I need to say."

Barton and Miss Slovak both were surprised that Miss Sellmeyer was a target of university action since she was relatively uninvolved in the whole affair.

Barton said he felt her loss of scholarship was because Sigma Delta Chi had cancelled its sponsorship of Press Day in protest over the firings. Press Day is an annual high school event when prospective journalism students and their teachers come to Baylor.

Miss Sellmeyer had been president of Sigma Delta Chi one week before her scholarship was pulled. Sigma Delta Chi voted to cancel sponsorship of Press Day before she became president.

Barton, a fifth-generation Baylorite, said, "I'm leaning toward staying. I don't feel very secure, but I think very highly of the university's academic reputation. I have a lot of friends here. Obviously I'd like to stay."

When McCall was asked if the students could return next year, he said, "Yes, they can return. Dr. Gould told them they could go somewhere else if they are going to stay here and thumb their noses at Baylor and not cooperate and take advantage of the program. If they don't feel like they can participate in the program and support it and benefit from it, they ought to go somewhere else."

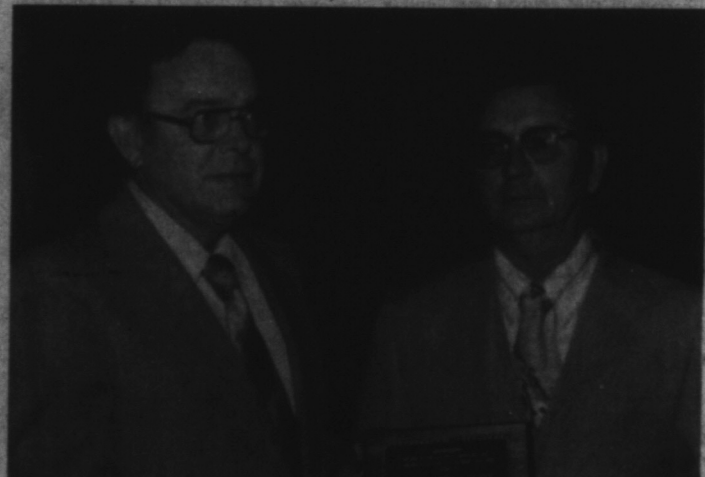
McCall said he did not consider the action disciplinary toward the students. "We are just using limited school funds for those students who are going to support, participate in and appreciate the program."

Miss Slovak, a junior journalism and Russian major, said she is angry that Baylor has the "nerve" to claim itself a liberal arts university "when it doesn't guarantee their students that right."

"We're involved in a very tiresome situation," she said. "People don't realize just how hard it is. They think, 'Well, now that you are fired it will be easy as can be,' but so many other problems are going on. There are so many things behind the scenes (in this situation) that students don't know about."

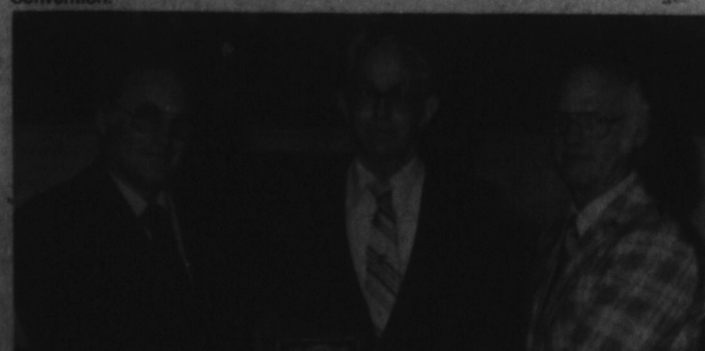
Barton said he had been contacted by a number of people offering to help the three financially, but said they hadn't decided whether to accept the assistance.

He feels the Playboy controversy will devastate the school's reputation in professional circles, although Gould disagrees with that, citing support for the firings.



Meritorious Study Course Work

Pictured are leaders of two churches which received special award plaques from the Mississippi Church Training Department for meritorious performance in study course work during last church year. Above: Pictured are Billy Johnson (left), pastor of Dixie Baptist Church, Lebanon Association, along with L. L. Rouse (right) Church Training Director. This church tied for top place among all churches in the state in Church Training Leadership awards and was fifth in the state in Baptist Doctrine awards. In both categories Dixie was in the top twenty churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Below: Norman Rodgers, Adult Consultant, Church Training Department, presents to Pastor Jack Gregory on the left and Director A. B. Godfrey, center, the plaque earned by West Heights Church, Pontotoc. This church placed third in the state in Baptist Doctrine Awards. It ranked seventh in the Southern Baptist Convention.



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MAY 22, 1980

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Robert Raikes



Arthur Flake

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Pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

• MRS. MARTHA BRANHAM, SOLOIST

• CHARLES ENDSLEY, PIANIST

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(Earl Kelly)

• HISTORICAL MULTIMEDIA AND DRAMA PRESENTATION

• PROJECTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IN MISSISSIPPI
AND SBC THRU 1985

• SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF WORKERS WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL DIPLOMAS
(Those who have earned the Sunday School Leadership Diploma—general or any age group.)

• SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS AND LEADERS
(Those with five years perfect attendance and those with 25 years or more as teachers/workers.)

Forms were mailed to Pastors, Directors of Missions, and Local Sunday School Directors requesting this information. Please return forms immediately.

EVERYONE INVITED

Religious Faith In Marriage

This issue begins a series on religious faith in marriage by R. Jack Follis. Follis is chaplain-director in the department of pastoral services at East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian.

A graduate of Sam Houston State University, he earned the master of theology, master of religious education, specialist in education and doctor of education with a major in psychology and counseling all from New Orleans Seminary. He serves on New Orleans' supplementary faculty.

He works part time as pastoral counselor for the Wegmans Community Mental Health Clinic in Meridian and is a member of several counseling and clinical pastoral associations.

With societal stresses on marriage and the family increasing apparently daily, the Baptist Record publishes this series with the hope that it will help to relieve some of that stress.

By R. Jack Follis
Relationship with God through Christ gives a unique dimension to an individual's relationship with other people. This is especially true in the marital relationship which has the potential of being the most intimate of all human relations.

Both of these relationships are based on the understanding that God and man are spiritual beings. Only spiritual beings can interact with each other and with nature.

Because man is spiritual, in the sense that all living things have life, God ordained human relationships as a vital function in the total scheme of His creation. Yet, the New Testament is quite emphatic when it affirms that relationship with God through Christ results in a new spiritual creation. No person can meet God and remain the same. The very essence of his nature and life is altered and changed. God is now a dynamic force in his life.

This means that as this "new" man relates to his wife, the Holy Spirit is permeating the relationship. When problems and pressures arise in the marriage he has the motivation and power to trust his wife before mistrusting her, to forgive her before condemning her, and to hope for reconciliation before despairing and giving up.

With time and experience this "new" woman becomes more and more capable of integrating the fruits of her relationship with God with her feelings for her husband. Jesus becomes the living model for her life. She can give herself to her husband because she has received from God. She can offer her love because she is being loved.

As God Relates
Both husband and wife can relate to each other as God is relating to them. They can take the risk of trusting each other because they have learned the meaning of trust. They have found God trustworthy.

In terms of everyday living, this means that since God is ministering to their needs, they can now minister to each other's needs. Each husband can be a minister to his wife and each wife can minister to her husband.

This mutual ministry may take

many forms. Yet every person has basic needs that can be met by his mate.

First, each mate needs to be committed to the other and to the marital process. This kind of commitment is analogous to commitment to God. It involves "self-giving" which leads to shared personalities. Interpenetration of the two "souls" results in integration of the two lives.

This Is Of God

The influence and intermingling of the wife's feminine "predominant feeling" nature with the husband's masculine "predominant logical" nature perpetuates stability in the relationship. This is of God, because we are created in such a way that when a man and woman make this kind of commitment to each other and their marriage process, they experience a joyful and exhilarating sense of fulfillment.

Secondly, every husband and wife needs to feel blessed. The giving of blessing is essentially an Old Testament concept which suggests that God gives His blessings to His children. In addition, to the necessary gifts of life, God gives Himself.

Now the husband can give his blessing to his spouse. He can affirm the identity of his wife. He accepts her personhood and rejoices in her femininity, her softness, and her love. His masculinity complements her femaleness. She is blessed.

The wife acknowledges the individuality of her husband. She affirms his maleness and touches the deep core of his being with her love. She finds security in his strength, comfort in his compassion, and warmth in his embrace. Her femaleness complements his maleness. She belongs to him. He is blessed.

Knowing our needs, God chooses each one of us as special, permeates us with His closeness, and blesses us with His love. He empowers us with His spirit so we can relate at the same depth. Consequently we experience a deep sense of joy and peace. With our mates, we live on a higher and more fulfilling plane of life.

To be chosen by Christ as His eternal son or daughter is the most meaningful experience known to mankind. When

an individual accepts his "chosenness" and responds to Jesus in commitment and love, he begins to learn the true significance of being "set apart" for blessing.

To be chosen by another as his or her life-long mate is also a very meaningful and fulfilling experience. Since Christian marriage is more than just a natural and civil state, it is within this special chosen relationship that an element of the love ethic of the Christian faith may be lived and applied.

As with Christian conversion, this kind of marital relationship presupposes the freedom to choose. Unless one woman freely and deliberately chooses one man to become her mate, she will discover that she has married a marriage.

Choosing a mate and marrying a marriage are two entirely different decisions. When a man gets married simply to be married, he soon begins to sense that something is missing. He may not be able to clearly define it, but a vague feeling of restlessness and uneasiness is present.

This is a crucial time in the marriage. The mate can decide to allow things to remain the same, which has a certain measure of self-fulfillment and even reward; or he can decide to choose his mate, and begin to find a deeper meaning and purpose of marriage.

Regardless of the time, deciding to

choose a spouse is difficult. This kind of choice makes definite demands.

First, it means that now, the shopping spree is over. While single men and women may certainly view the opposite sex as potential prospects, the married individual is beyond this phase of development. Each has made his choice. Now his attention should be centered on the other.

Secondly, choosing means being personal. Each mate shares his inward self. Slowly, but surely, each exposes himself to the other. Now the innermost thoughts and feelings can be freely expressed because they will be heard and affirmed by the mate. Each opens his heart and life to the other.

Risk In Choosing

Finally, choosing means risk. Each mate extends himself with no guarantee. She must put herself into the hands of her mate and trust him to be trustworthy. This is risky indeed, and can only be done slowly and with the passage of time. However, there is really no choice unless risk is present.

The awareness that we are picked out from all the other men and all the other women in the entire universe fills our souls with warmth and gracious gratitude. We are affirmed! We can now strive for high endeavors and reach for goals that were beyond our wildest dreams. We bask in the light of love which has its source in Jesus Christ.

Congress To Shape New Refugee Law

By Marv Knox
ATLANTA (BP) — President Carter took only a few seconds to sign into law a bill which almost triples the number of refugees allowed into the United States each year. But Congress may spend months deciding who gets the benefits.

That's an important concern for Heng Cheng, president of Cambodia from 1970 to 1972.

"The number of refugees the U.S. government allows to enter the country should be in proportion to the populations of their native lands," said Cheng, now a refugee resettlement worker in Houston. "Carter and Congress raised the quota from 17,000 to 50,000, but that will be effective only if they set new standards for admission."

"There are 700,000 Cambodians in holding camps along the Thailand border," he said. "But most of them cannot move to the United States because the U.S. government says, 'You don't have the qualifications to come here.'"

Instead, Vietnamese and Laotians — whose problems "are as grave as those of Cambodians" — have been given privileged access to the United States, Cheng charged.

"Thousands of Cambodians are starving, most of them are afflicted with disease, and many, many are orphans," he said. "Cambodians have more problems than the boat people. However, Americans have seen the boats. They have given their attention to people on them, and Vietnamese refugees to the United States outnumber Cambodian refugees four to one."

Ratios of refugees already admitted reflect U.S. commitment to former allies, rather than mere sentiment for endangered people, responded David Passage, state department spokesman.

"The United States was involved in Vietnam for 12 years," he explained. "We employed Vietnamese and fought alongside them. Consequently, we feel a special responsibility for their welfare and for their families."

Since the United States cannot accommodate every refugee, the government is forced to "take the most pressing problems, judged according to priorities set by Congress." Passage added, "Very few Cambodians meet the criteria for entrance established under the former law."

The law — under which all recent refugees have been admitted — gives top priority to immigrants whose blood relatives already live in the United States. Then it provides for persons who have worked for the U.S. government or who have been closely identified with U.S. presence. Next came high-risk individuals — persons not necessarily associated with the United States but who held positions in deposed free governments. Finally, it provides for all others, giving preference to people who have distant relatives in the United States, who are educated and speak English and who have marketable skills.

How Congress will re-write these stipulations concerns Cheng, and that's for good cause, said Gene Tunnell, refugee resettlement coordinator for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"These new regulations will determine the full implication of the law," Tunnell said. "We'll be following that closely, pushing for new categories so that a broader range of people are eligible for admission into the United States."

Tunnell is optimistic both for the increase in the baseline quota and because the law makes the U.S. definition of refugees conform to the United Nations' definition. "In the past, he said, 'the United States only considered as refugees those persons fleeing communist countries. Provision now has been made for non-communist, but oppressive, nations.'"

While Congress struggles to develop regulations for refugees admission, Southern Baptists can help refugees already in the States, Tunnell said. "The president has less than 60 days to grant parole authority to Haitians living in the United States, or else legal problems for them to remain in the United States will be compounded."

"Baptists should write the president or their congressmen and urge parole authority for the Haitians," he said. "This is a cause which has been supported through the Home Mission Board, and this action is an expressed desire of the people in Florida, where most of the Haitians have settled."

Baptists also can help persons already approved for entrance into the country, he added.

Because of the government's family reunification program, most new refugees are joining their relatives, settling in areas where refugee concentration already is high. "Baptists can become partners in sponsorship by linking their resources with churches which already sponsor families — so these churches can sponsor more," he said. "By becoming partners, churches which might never have direct access to refugees can help sponsor them."

"Other Baptists who are located in areas where refugees already live can contact them directly and offer to help them sponsor their families. Still others need to volunteer to be indefinite sponsors."

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Washington Counties. Ray Grissett of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Cooperative Mission department staff is serving in an advisory capacity.

Finances for the ministry are only partially taken care of. The convention board through its Cooperative Missions department has promised \$500 per month for two years for salary for the chaplain when he is hired. Forty percent of this will come from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

An additional \$5,000 has been offered by the convention board to help purchase the trailer.

A budget of \$35,000 for the ministry has been proposed by the steering committee and members are enlisting support from associations and churches throughout the state.

Associations participating financially so far include Attala, \$50 per month; Carroll-Montgomery, \$1,000 per year; Sunflower, \$100 per month; Leflore, \$1,200; Humphreys, \$600; and Warren, \$500.

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59-Piece Band, Most Handbells Ever

Mississippi College was host for the simultaneous State Handbell and State Instrumental Festivals on March 28-29. Four-hundred-fifteen handbell ringers participated to make this the state's largest ever Handbell Festival. A 59-piece band comprised the state's second instrumental festival. The two groups presented a combined concert of festival music at the A. E. Wood Coliseum. The festivals are sponsored annually by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dan C. Hall, director.



Church Training Leaders To Hear Dunn, Thomas

The Mississippi Church Training Department has announced the dates of June 26-28 for a Church Training Leadership Retreat at Gulfshore. Conferences for all leaders in Church Training will be conducted.



Dunn Thomas

Special conferences are also planned for those who work with mentally retarded. Another special conference is offered for all associational Church Training officers.

Jimmy Dunn, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. will conduct the training for associational officers. Dunn is a native of Starkville and a graduate of Mississippi State University. For ten years he was a consultant and supervisor at the Sunday School Board in the Church Training department.

Jim Thomas, director of the Church Training department of the Missouri Baptist Convention, will lead the conference for general officers. Thomas is a native Missourian, and has held pastoral and educational ministry positions in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Louisiana and Missouri, including minister of education at Tower Grove Church in St. Louis and First Baptist Church of Ferguson, Missouri.

Reservations for the retreat may be obtained by writing Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571. A \$15.00 registration fee is required for each person. This amount is applied to the total cost of \$38.50 for the retreat. Reservations are now being accepted.

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court will not disturb a ruling by the Supreme Court of Missouri which prevents police from suppressing allegedly obscene materials until a search warrant for their seizure is issued.

The case, Missouri v. All Star News agency, a St. Louis distributor of obscene films and magazines, involves a Missouri law providing for seizure and destruction of such materials. The law allowed police to serve the distributor with a notice that they were challenging the allegedly obscene materials in court.

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Family Enrichment Week To Feature The Dentons

The program is being filmed for Family Enrichment Week at Gulfshore under the theme "Families Facing the Decade of the Eighties." The program will feature the Wallace Dentons of Purdue University. Denton is professor of family studies and director of the marriage and family counseling center at the University.

Mrs. Denton is education coordinator of the University Baptist Church, Purdue. Both are long-time Southern Baptists and are widely experienced in conducting family enrichment seminars.

Activities will begin at supper time on July 1 and conclude at noon on July 5. All day Thursday will be "family day." Each afternoon is free for families to make their own plans. Morning and evening sessions include a complete program for every member of the family.



The Wallace Dentons

Russell McIntire, pastor, Oak Park Baptist Church, New Orleans, will be the preacher and Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Miss., will be the Bible teacher.

Music will be led by Don McGregor, editor of The Baptist Record, with Dot Pray of the Church Music department at the organ. George Lee, of Columbia will be co-director of the program, which is sponsored by the Christian Action Commission.

Senior Adult Tours Will Go To Ridgcrest And Glorieta

Two Senior Adult tours, sponsored by the State Church Training Department, have been projected for 1980.

One of these is to Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Center where groups from Mississippi have been going now for the fourth year. The other is to Glorieta — the first such tour group from the state at large.

The Glorieta tour has met with such success that it has become a problem to the persons coordinating the project.

Already 51 reservation requests have been received. The capacity of the bus is 38. The average is perhaps more than can be anticipated in cancellations.

At this point a second bus to Glorieta is being projected. It will be necessary to secure at least 35 persons to make the second bus possible.

The tour calls for six days en route to Glorieta via Fort Worth, Texas; Carlsbad, New Mexico; El Paso, Texas; Ciudad Juarez, Mexico; Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Three-and-a-half days will be spent attending the Chautauqua. Two days are allotted for the return trip via

Amarillo and Wichita Falls, Texas. Optional tours during the afternoons of the Chautauqua are planned for the city of Santa Fe, Taos, and other sights of interest in the area.

The tour will be September 17-27. A detailed itinerary will be mailed upon request or upon receipt of the stipulated reservation fee of \$25.00. Total cost of the tour is \$300.

For more information, write Church Training Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

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| April 27-May 4 | Senior Adult Week (CT Emphasis) |
| April 28-May 3 | State Finals Children Youth Bible Drills (CT) |
| | 28-FBC, Batesville (4:30 p.m.) |
| | 29-FBC, West Point (4:30 p.m.) |
| | May 1-FBC, Long Beach (4:30 p.m.) |
| | 2-FBC, Columbia (4:30 p.m.) |
| | 3-Calvary, Jackson (2:00 p.m.) |
| May 1 | Sunday School Teaching & Growth Conference, Colonial Hills, Southaven, 7:00-9:30 p.m. |
| May 1 | Church Extension Conference, Adams Assoc. Office, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. (CoMI) |
| May 2-3 | Associational Officers Retreat, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 4:00 p.m., 2nd-4:00 p.m. 3rd (WMI) |

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Editorials

The death of HB 978

A bill that deserved to die

House Bill 978, the one that came to be known as the Hattiesburg bill, had a rough time during most of its life before it was shot down on the floor of the Senate through efforts led by Emerson Stringer of Columbia.

H. B. 978 was known as the Hattiesburg bill because it was the one that would have made a wet area out of that part of dry Lamar County that lies inside the city limits of Hattiesburg. The bill started out to make the dry area wet by vote of the Legislature. An amendment tacked on by Mitch Childre of Rankin County in the Senate Finance Committee forestalled that possibility by establishing that a county-wide referendum would be necessary before liquor could be sold there.

The bill had passed the House of Representatives earlier by a vote of 71 to 44 on a second effort. The first vote of 77 to 35 was voided by a motion to reconsider. As it came out of the House the bill had picked up as an amendment a bill that earlier had been sent back to committee by the House. This would have made the sale of liquor legal in restaurants outside of city limits in wet counties. That is possible now only in resort areas. This died with the remainder of the bill.

Back to Committee
The tactic employed by Stringer was to move to have the bill sent back to the Senate Finance Committee. The favorable vote of 25 to 23 to recommit the bill killed it because the deadline for reporting bills out of committee had passed.

The bill was called to the floor of the Senate by Ellis Bodron of Vicksburg, the chairman of the Finance Committee. Rick Lambert of Hattiesburg led the effort to obtain a favorable vote to pass the bill.

Lambert admitted to having a problem with his role because he said he does not use alcoholic beverages in any form. He admitted that the issue was not moral but economic. Upon hearing that, Bill May of Fulton asked, "If that were the case, would it not be better to legalize gambling also?"

The issue actually revolved around a decision as to whether or not a Holiday

Inn to be built at the intersection of Interstate 59 and Highway 96 in Lamar County would be able to serve liquor. The supporters of the bill were seeking to establish the thought that the motel could not succeed without the availability of liquor. The entire complex is reported to encompass a \$10 million convention center. Supporters said that Holiday Inn had granted a franchise to a group of investors, some of whom are out-of-state, but added that the chain had suggested that the motel not be built unless it could serve liquor.

This invoked May's wily question.

Counter Arguments
Bodron resorted to what seemed to be sarcasm as he sought to counter the arguments presented by Stringer and Wayne Burkes of Hinds County and the telling questions from the floor that came from Bill Harpole of Starkville, Bill Minor of Holly Springs, John William Powell of Liberty, and Childre.

A great deal of the effort of the supporters of the bill revolved around an attempt to point to a problem in law enforcement because the city limits cross the county line. Harpole, a former law enforcement officer, countered, however, that there are three cities in his area with similar circumstances; and there has been no problem. Burkes pointed out that it is the duty of law enforcement bodies to enforce the law — not make it.

Minor asked if the issue were not law enforcement at all but "an attempt to make Holiday Inn rich?"

This may have been the most significant decision to be made by the Legislature for this session. Mississippi owes a debt of gratitude to those 44 who opposed the bill in the House and to those who led the fight to have it recommitment in the Senate and those who voted with them.

As both Stringer and Burkes pointed out, the law now says that liquor cannot be sold in any county that has not voted in a county-wide referendum to come out from under the state-wide prohibition. This bill was an attempt to register that aspect of the law. As it first was written, a vote by the Legislature would have made liquor sales legal in the affected area. Following

Childre's amendment for a county-wide referendum, the supporters of the bill sought to amend that amendment to the effect that only the voters of the affected area would vote. So the supporters never were willing to let the matter be decided by the normal and lawful process.

Devastating Effects
Bodron continued to complain that Mississippi has not arrived at the place where it can discuss liquor sales without being emotional rather than intellectual. It is an emotional issue with many people, and well it should be. It effects are devastating. Being discussed on an intellectual plane, however, would leave the sale of liquor

undesirable. Being intellectual should mean being honest, and honesty would compel the intellectual pursuer to acknowledge its undesirability.

The bill deserved to die; and we must be grateful to Sen. Stringer, who led fight to kill it, and to Sen. Burkes and all the others who helped him do away with it. It deserved to die because it would have skirted the law; it deserved to die because it would have revoked the will of the people of Lamar County in the matter; and it deserved to die because it is never good to promote the sale of liquor under any circumstances.

Thank the Lord for legislators who were willing to be counted in opposition to House Bill 978.

Legislative Count

The Mississippi House of Representatives voted 71 to 44 in favor of House Bill 978, the one that would have made wet that portion of dry Lamar County that lies within the city limits of Hattiesburg and would have made possible the sale of liquor in restaurants which are in wet counties outside of city limits.

The 71 to 44 vote in the House came on March 18 after the House had voted 77 to 35 in favor of the bill on March 14. It was held over until March 18 on a motion to reconsider it.

On April 15 the Senate effectively killed the bill when it voted 25 to 23 to send it back to the Senate Finance Committee. The vote of the senators on the motion to recommit the bill is found in a story beginning on Page 1.

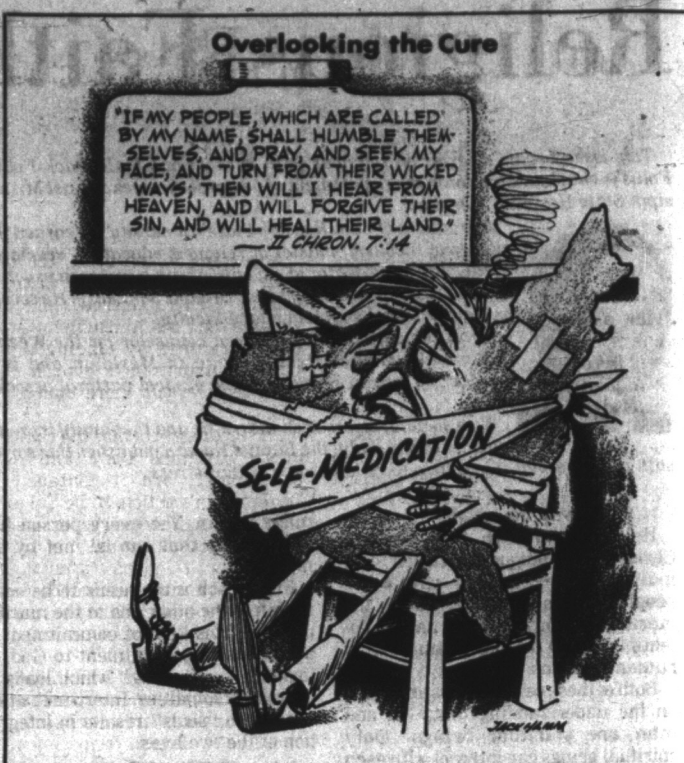
The vote of the members of the House of Representatives on HB 978 was as follows:

Those voting for the bill were Albritton, Alford, Atkinson, Banks, Barefield, Blesley, Blount, Breland, Brooks, Buckley, Buelow, Calhoun, Campbell, Capps, R. D. Clark, Comptre, Dobbins, Dubay, Ellis, Ferguson, Ford, Frazier, Fredericks, Green, Grissom, Grist, Hall, Henderson, Hollinger, Huggins, Hutto, Jackson, H. A. Jones, W. H. Jones, Junkin, King, A. C. Lambert, Lawler, Lee, Manning, McIngvale, Merideth, Millette, Mor-

row, Neal, Nipper, Owens, Pennebaker, Perry, Poindexter, Presley, Raney, Robertson, Robinson, Rouse, Schoby, Sheppard, Simpson, Stennis, Stubbs, Sumner, Thomas, Walman, Warren, Watson, W. A. Wilkerson, C. V. Williams, K. O. Williams, G. B. Williams, Young, and Newman (Speaker).

Those voting against the bill were Allen, Anderson, Andrews, Bryan, Cates, Chambliss, E. C. Clark, Coleman, Dollar, Doxey, Eakes, Everett, Gary, Gilbreath, Halbrook, Hale, Hanson, Holmes, Horne, Horton, Johnson, H. T. Lambert, Lippian, Livingston, Long, Malone, McCoy, McCrary, McMillan, Miller, Nunnally, Pierce, Price, Reynolds, Richardson, Simmons, W. O. Smith, Stringer, Townsend, Vince, Wadkins, J. E. Wilkerson, Williamson, and Wilson.

A check of the record reveals that both of the members of the Legislature representing Lamar County voted against the bill. They are W. E. Andrews III in the House and Emerson Stringer in the Senate. Yet there is the possibility that this measure missed by only two votes being sent to the governor for his signature. The people of Lamar County didn't want it. Their representatives in the Legislature voted against it. Yet it almost became law.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Illogical Irritants

In Nashville, I heard, a man kept standing on a roof until policemen came down in their helicopter to ask what he was doing up there. He said, "I'm waiting for a bus."

Now I'm not quite that far out of my wits yet, but the other Sunday morning I thought I was. At 6 a.m. I jerked awake when W. D. sat up and shouted, "Get out of here!" What to my wondering eyes did appear but a great big collie dog making a fast turn toward the bedroom exit. Not our dog. One I had never seen before. "What's he doing in here?" I asked.

"I don't know. He was just standing there licking my hand."

During the stormy night the front door had blown open, so I guess you couldn't blame the dog for thinking if we were having open house he would just join the party.

Speaking of parties, on the last Saturday in March I went to Judson to my college class's 30-year reunion. (I started out after Christmas saying I was going to lose 30 pounds for the 30-year reunion, but changed my mind and decided to wait and lose 50 for my 50-year one.)

It dripped and drizzled all day, so that the program that the students had so skillfully planned for outdoors had to be moved into the gym. About dusk the drizzle turned into a deluge, so Joan (a college classmate from Pensacola) and I decided we would buy some gas, to avoid a Sunday morning search for an open station. We stopped at the nearest place, a grocery mart that sells only the self-serve gas. Joan said she didn't know how to get the gas.

We were in separate cars, of course, and had to run back and forth between the two cars to talk until we could decide what to do. Gusts of wind and rain were whipping all around us. Though I'm not an expert at pumping gas, I offered to show her how. I filled my tank and then struggled to help her get the cap off her tank. Holding an umbrella in one hand and trying to hold the gas line with the other requires the agility of a gymnast. The store owner and a couple of other customers were watching us, from their dry shelter behind the glass store front, as if we were a new show in town.

I drove off, but soon stopped again, to reopen my umbrella, retrieve my tank cap from the roof of the car, and

restore it to its proper place. A hot shower would have been nice, because we were soaked to the skin. But the dorm we were staying in is not generally used, and there was no hot water. I was thankful though for a blanket and a quilt.

Next morning, planning to stop at church on my way home, I donned a new white suit. I stood by my car, under a big tree, ready to leave. "Oh, Joan, look at that cloud of birds in the tree! Aren't they beautiful?" A second later I could have bitten my tongue for having offered that praise, for I had been showered again, but this time not with rain. After a quick change of suits and a not too successful hair brushing, I was again ready to depart.

Actually, it was a lovely weekend. I'm not hard to please — like some folks I've rubbed shoulders with on highways. Last week I was driving the exact speed limit on I-20, when an enormous truck came roaring up behind me on a curve. The other lanes were full, and the pavement was wet. I guess the driver didn't want to slow down, so he started blowing his horn for me to speed up. I did — and drove off onto State Street at a fairly good clip. In my rearview mirror I spotted a motorcycle. And yes, it was a policeman. He motioned for me to pull over, but (what a relief!) he only said, "Slow it down, lady!" and kept going.

I've been trying to take the policeman's advice. And while I'm on the subject of advice, I have some to offer. Don't ever send the check for your light bill to the gas company, and the check for your gas bill to the electric company. You'll regret it. I know. The light company sent the one back I sent them. The gas company endorsed the one I sent them (though made out to the light company) and sent it to the bank. I called the bank, stopped payment, and the bank sent the check back to the gas company. The gas company endorsed it again and sent it to the bank a second time. Before I could straighten out my mistake it took two calls to the gas company, two calls to the bank, two letters, I don't know how many headaches, and — well, you get the picture. And it wasn't the gas company's fault. It was mine.

I found out that you'll save time in the long run if you just calm down and — whatever it is that you are going to do — do it right the first time.

Book Reviews

LORIE: A STORY OF HOPE by Mary Ann Cobb (Thomas Nelson Publishers, 181 pp., \$3.95, paper). Mary Ann Cobb tells of the despair she felt upon learning her daughter, Lorie, was born with Down's Syndrome, a condition sometimes referred to as Mongolism. Mrs. Cobb set about to learn as much about the disease as possible in order to understand it and to best help her daughter. Newfound Christianity made it possible for her to adjust to Lorie's handicap. *Lorie: A Story of Hope* was written for parents and relatives of Down's Syndrome and other "special children." It is both inspirational and practical. Of particular interest is a list of resources for those wanting to learn more of this disease and how to help its victims. — Myra Morgan.

THE GUIDEPASTS TREASURY OF INSPIRATION (Doubleday, \$8.95, 355 pp.). Editors of Guideposts, an inspirational publication, selected what they considered the five best inspirational books ever written, and compiled them in this one attractive volume. The five are: *The Greatest Thing in the World* by Henry Drummond; *Acres of Diamonds* by Russell Conwell; *As a Man Thinketh* by James Allen; *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence; and *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis. Each is timeless and dateless, still as vibrant as the day it was written.

WAYS TO TELL ABOUT JESUS by Lon Mishler, Heath (Convention Press, paper, 32 pp., a Church Study Course unit). This is a book for third through

sixth graders. It will help children to understand the ways in which they can tell others about Jesus now, in their state, in their nation, and in the world. It explains the Cooperative Program, the work of the Southern Baptist mission boards, and the types of work that missionaries do.

THE PASTOR'S MANUAL AND HANDBOOK by Gay Henderson (Baptist Center Press, Manila, Philippines, a publication of the Philippine Baptist Mission, 87 pp.). Henderson, who was formerly a missionary in the Philippines and pastor of International Baptist Church, Manila, wrote this handbook especially for pastors of Philippine churches. In it the pastor can find the procedures to be followed for almost any kind of special church services, as well as suggested guidelines for organizing a new church, receiving new members, and sermon ideas for certain occasions. The author has included the church covenant, several wedding ceremonies, three or four funeral services, ideas for a groundbreaking ceremony, ordination services for pastors and deacons, the words of the baptismal service, commissioning service for a new missionary, and a church anniversary service. Henderson included suggested plans for a Commitment Day or Pledge Day service (he is now consultant with the Department of Stewardship, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board). To all these he added "poems of comfort" and "words of wisdom." The book will sell in the Philippines for 35 cents a copy paperback and \$1 hardcover.

Government Encroachment

Editor:
Baptists will agree wholeheartedly with your March 20 editorial concerning the IRS versus The Annuity Board; however, there are some "buts."

When Baptist institutions, colleges, universities, etc. began to equivocate on matters of church-state relations concerning student loans, grants from the Feds for buildings for "non-denominational" activities, loans for dorms; in other words when Baptist boards and agencies bent their knee to Mammon (Federal Money), we dug our grave — institutionally, denominationally, and individually. Oh, I know our leaders assured us we were complying with the Civil Rights Act, the Supreme Court, HEW and all the other "laws." We were doing no such thing! We were holding out our hand for the "Federal Money." We got it. We spent it, are spending it and will go down with the ship.

The ignominious passage of Baptist greatness dates from our docile acceptance of Federal transgression on individual liberty and freedom in the name of "Do-goodism." We could have avoided the whole thing by ignoring the Federal Carrot, remaining resolute, institutionally small maybe — but independent, self supporting and free.

How? Simple. Each church could have initiated a budget to include each Baptist institution — colleges, children's home, etc. There is not a Baptist church in Mississippi but could have put up \$100 per month — larger churches much more — toward student loans, college capital needs and other institutional work. What better Home Mission effort than to provide cheaper, self-maintained support for home-grown young Mississippians of both races? What better race relations than to educate our young in the atmosphere of the Christian ethic on our denominational campuses? Programs? Oh, yes — programs! But the programs have buried our witness beneath the Commissions, Boards, Conventions, Councils, Professional Advisors —. It makes one of many years, educated in a Baptist college, practitioner of stewardship, supporter of Baptist causes, look with some anxiety at the direction of which our denomination is headed. I wonder if our "directors" are so insulated from the real world that they don't "see." Today it is IRS The Annuity Board — tomorrow it may be church and state united because we sold our birthright.

Harry L. Cole
Ruth, Miss.
My background in Southern Baptist journalism comes from a time when the BAPTIST STANDARD in Texas opposed federal grants for non-denominational buildings on Baptist college campuses and opposed low interest loans for dormitory buildings because the interest rate charged the colleges was less than the government had to pay to get the money to loan — therefore it was a subsidy. If that is the extent of your concern, then I am somewhat in agreement. If you are commenting further on the declaration of compliance by which colleges agree to accept students of minority races, I would have to say that predates my time in Mississippi and I could not offer a qualified observation except to state that I see no reason for not agreeing to do something that we should be doing anyway. Where I have problems is that I feel that even if we hadn't entered into any kind of agreement with the government, we would have been forced by the government into acceptance of governmental programs anyway. This is a distinct loss of freedom, but with the present bureaucratic operation of the government and the present attitude of the American people, I think it was inevitable. I feel governmental encroachment is going to grow. And I feel that

the only deterrent is the will of the people. I am not confident of that will being exercised. — Editor

Appreciation for Suits

Editor:
My wife and I came to South Dakota in November of 1978 to work with two small Baptist Churches. I am pastor of the First Baptist Church of Webster and First Baptist Church of Bradley.

Let me take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown by the Mississippi Baptist State Brotherhood in sending suits to South Dakota ministers. How helpful this is to each of us in this day of extreme inflation. This is just one more way to help the money come out even with the month. May the Lord Bless your state for this kind deed.

Our church at Webster will break ground for a new church building on April 20 and begin construction soon. Any person or church who is interested in a mission project could contact me or our Director of Missions, Henry M. Chiles, P. O. Box 296, Pierre, South Dakota 57501 or phone 605-224-2883.

Please continue to remember us in prayer that we will advance the work of our Lord in South Dakota. Our prayers will be with you in the work of your fine state. Thanks again!
John & Bernice Smith
Webster, S. D.

Homosexuality on TV

Editor:
I am writing concerning a T.V. program which ABC plans to air in the fall of 1980. It is a situation comedy based on the lives of two modern day homosexual lovers. The title of the program is Adam and Yves. This is the same network which brought us Soap. Homosexuality is now a theme to make fun with, to exploit. I believe that ABC has slapped every persons who believes in the Biblical account of Adam and Eve in the face with the title Adam and Yves. Taking the Biblical account where God made man and woman to be one, ABC has decided it would mean more money to have man and man to be one.

I would like to encourage Christians to write and call their local ABC affiliate letting them know of their utter disgust in this type of program. We as Christians must let our voice be heard — NOW!

Mrs. Chuck Miner
Jackson

House Bill 978

Editor:
I read your article carefully on House Bill 978 in the Baptist Record; and I share the feelings of Baptists that alcohol is dangerous and can kill people because it destroys the mind, bringing confusion and self-destruction and destruction to others. It causes troubles besides. There's always a group for self interest to make money.

There's too much graft, pornography, disco, and drugs that need to be destroyed.

Opal Jo Nail
Marks

Editor:
I am writing to let you know I deeply appreciate your editorial concerning liquor sales in dry Lamar County (H.B. 978). As a resident of this county, I am strongly opposed to this bill. It seems the local politicians of Forrest County are pushing this bill on us. I do not like the fact that we are being forced to accept something we do not want in our county. I also appreciate Senator Stringer for standing with us.

G. L. Bennett
Sumrall
Due to the efforts of Sen. Stringer and others the bill was recommitted back to the Senate Finance Committee. This in effect killed the bill, for the deadline for committee reports had passed. — Editor.

Thanks from Dominica

Editor:
Thank you Mississippi Baptists! What a joy it was to read the February 28 issue of The Baptist Record on the Dominica house building project. As one personally involved in the entire project I have many fond memories of those seven weeks. Each team which came our way blessed our lives in its unique way, yet each was fully committed to the task at hands.

Since many of their churches in the States supported the men financially, those who stayed at home and gave and prayed are also to be commended. Finally, a special word of thanks is due Paul Harrell and the Mississippi Brotherhood Department for coordinating the "mission."

I trust I will never again be involved in a disaster equal to Hurricane David; if I am, one of my first calls will be to Mississippi Baptists.

Donald B. Snell
Missionary to Dominica

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Court May Review Armstrong Case

By Stan Haste
WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has been asked to review a case considered by experts as one of the sky church-state controversies in recent memory.

A jointly filed friend-of-the-court brief declares that "the heart of the First Amendment would be mortally wounded" if California is allowed to proceed in its demands that Herbert W. Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God be forced to turn over to the state attorney general all church records, including financial statements.

Church-state attorney Leo Pfeffer, law professor at Long Island University, and principal author of the brief, told a news conference that it represents more individual citizens than any other such request in Supreme Court history.

A coalition of religious groups active in the case includes the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the National Council of Churches, the Synagogue Council of America, the Lutheran Church of America, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, the United Methodist Church, the United Presbyterian Church, the National Association of Evangelicals, and the Northern California Ecumenical Council.

Liberian President

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present, but before services were over about 75 had gathered.

Some schools in the country reopened Monday morning, April 14, and the Baptist Seminary in Monrovia reopened the next day.

Cromer reported that the airport has not been reopened yet, but this was partially because of a fuel shortage that developed when refineries were shut down. Refineries are expected to reopen as soon as possible.

All 45 Southern Baptist missionaries currently in Liberia were reported to be gradually resuming their normal activities. Twelve missionaries assigned to Liberia are on furlough in the United States.

Mississippians in missionary service in Liberia and their hometowns include: Janie Boykin, a Journeyman, Raleigh; Mrs. Grace Colson, Clinton; Robert Dent, Journeyman, Holly Springs; Rachel Dubard, Carroll County; Margaret Fairburn, Tyler-town; Mrs. Dene Greer, Jackson; Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Noxapater; David Mayhall, Liberty; and Mrs. Ollie Mae Mayhall, Simpson County.

Tobert, who had been president of Liberia since 1971, also was pastor of Zion Praise Baptist Church in Betol City, his hometown about 30 miles from Monrovia.

Southern Baptists entered Liberia in 1960 to undergird Baptist work in the country.

According to the brief, the basic issue in the case is whether California Attorney General George Deukmejian violated the First Amendment's religion guarantees by placing the 87-year-old Armstrong's church under state receivership more than a year ago.

The brief asserts that the rights "of every religious body and every American" are threatened by Deukmejian's action. If the California official's "claimed power to supervise religious institutions" is upheld, "traditional religious freedoms" will be violated and the path will be cleared for the adoption of "state-established standards of religious observation and practice."

Attorney General Deukmejian ordered all church property and records placed under state receivership on Jan. 3, 1979, after six former members of the controversial church claimed Armstrong and other church officials had misused church funds. The state of receivership was eventually dissolved, but only after other church members posted a surety bond of \$3.4 million.

Deukmejian's action was based on his claim that churches and religious organizations are public, charitable trusts accountable to the state.

That view, the religious groups' brief contends, makes numerous assumptions unacceptable under the First Amendment. They include the idea that churches really do not own their own property, that church records are public and subject to audit and review by the state, that churches may be compelled to account for income and expenditures, and that church officials are actually public trustees "who serve as agents of the state."

Deukmejian's action assumes further, the argument continues, that the state may appoint a receiver to seize church property and records and supervise operations, and that it may conduct an on going investigation into church affairs as a means of achieving its objectives.

The case "presents a startling and unprecedented situation in the history of church-state relations under a Constitution that forbids the establishment and secures the free exercise of religion," the brief argues.

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Off the Record

One evening the young minister, who had seemed rather attracted by Grace, the oldest daughter, was dining with the family. Mamie, the little sister, was talking rapidly when the visitor was about to ask the blessing. Turning to the child, he said in a pleasant tone:

"Mamie, I am going to ask grace." "Well, it's about time," promptly answered the little girl, "we've been expecting it nearly a year now, and she has too."

"Through Agri-Missions, We Can Share the Bread of Life"

By Terry Barone

WACO, Texas (BP) — Ordinarily, goats, rabbits, worms and fish have little in common.

But on an extraordinary farm run by two Southern Baptist families, they are providing answers that may help alleviate world hunger.

The purpose of the 17-acre experimental farm near Waco, Tex., is to develop agricultural models which foreign missionaries and volunteers can implement in countries with severe hunger problems.

The farm is the result of a cooperative dream shared by Carl Ryther, a 17-year missionary to Bangladesh, and Bob Salley, a Baptist layman. Salley is president of World Hunger Relief Inc., a non-profit organization created to help battle global hunger.

Salley owns the farm and World Hunger Relief Inc. provides funding for the experimental projects. Ryther, who is on medical leave from Bangladesh, is the farm's agri-training director.

Under Ryther's guidance, everything being researched on the farm is interrelated and contributes to an ecologically balanced system that he believes can be duplicated in countries with "temperate, tropic and semi-tropic climates."

"Countries with these climates," he says, "are the population centers of the world which need food production knowledge."

Nubian milk goats raised on the farm would provide milk and meat for people of underdeveloped nations. The goats are already being raised in many villages in Mexico.

Rabbits are raised because they are a good source of protein. "Most countries are short on animal protein and four rabbits, in one year, can produce enough meat to provide as much protein as half a beef," Ryther says.

The rabbits also have another use. Their waste is used to grow red wiggler worms.

"The red wigglers digest the rabbit waste, and in return the waste of the worms makes soil in which vegetables can be grown," explains Ryther.

Soil developed by the worms is then placed in "grow beds," 5-by-30-foot wooden boxes, where the vegetables can be grown "very close together and with very little water."

"Three grow beds," Ryther says, "can produce as many vegetables as a half acre of land."

But the balanced ecological system doesn't stop there. The vegetable waste is fed to the goats or rabbits or put back into the soil as fertilizer.

In addition to making the soil, the worms are fed to fish which are being researched on the farm.

Tilapia fish, which Ryther says are "scientifically easy" to raise, are started in a small pond and are transferred from pond to pond until they reach a desirable size.

The fish are then placed in rice fields where they feed on organisms in the water and, in turn, their waste products fertilize the soil.

Ryther and Salley have plans for many other agricultural projects.

They also would like to expand the farm to include a retreat where people could visit and learn about agricultural missions through firsthand experience.

In addition, they have plans for a project called MASS, Model Agricultural Systems Stations, where various situations could be artificially simulated to train agricultural missionaries.

An additional program would train mission volunteers in the most efficient methods of maximizing food production in the particular areas where they would be serving.

But the farm and its various projects are part of a larger purpose than simply providing food and resources for hungry people, Salley points out.

"Our solution," he says, "is to go to foreign countries and into their villages to work with people on solving their hunger needs. And when the people want to know, 'Why are you here?' and 'Why are you willing to do this?' you have an opportunity to share Jesus Christ."

Through agri-missions, Salley adds, "we are trying to share the Bread of Life."

Birthday Prayer Calendar For MKs (Margaret Fund Students)

May 23—John Merritt (Germany), University of Southern Mississippi

Fairchilds Report 1500 Professions Of Faith, In Punjab, North India



Polly the Parrot plants a kiss on an interpreter in north India, for a job well done. Molly Fairchild, Moselle, Miss., is at right. Polly told the creation story.



A crowd in north India gave close attention to the speaker, Elven Fairchild of Moselle, Miss., until a photographer came on the scene. Then—pose and smiles. Molly Fairchild, seated at center, is wearing the traditional dress of Punjab state, a non-Christian area where churches are few and there is little missionary work.

Elven and Molly Fairchild of Moselle have returned from a 60-day evangelistic tour of India, made Feb. 5-April 5. They traveled mostly in north India, where there is little Christian work, and held 80 meetings in churches, tents, schools, factories, villages and outdoor areas. They report that over 1500 registered decisions to accept Christ.

The Fairchilds, a full-time evangelism team, use puppets, ventriloquism, and "gospel magic" in their witnessing endeavors.

"We know that many other decisions were made," Mrs. Fairchild said, but not registered publicly, for people would come to us later and say, 'I asked Jesus to come into my heart, too.' Some would suffer persecution or humiliation from their families if they changed religions. We really don't know how many 'secret disciples' we left behind."

She added, "The village people are very poor, but receptive to the gospel. They are hungry for love and for God and what only He can give. Our hearts went out to them, for they were warm-hearted, loving, and friendly."

The talking dolls and magic opened doors into some Hindu schools and communities that would not ordinarily have accepted a Baptist preacher.

The couple's prayer to train others in their type of work was answered. They taught in the All-India Prayer Fellowship Seminary in New Delhi (P.H. Kurien, president). Teachers as well as students attended the classes. "They did real well with their crash course," Mrs. Fairchild said, "and were eager to go into the villages and share Christ through the use of gospel magic, puppets, and ventriloquism."

They did the same type teaching in other seminaries and colleges, and left behind 30 to 40 visual evangelists.

This was Elven's sixth trip to India, but Molly's first. In her part of the services she used the dummies, Johnnie the Baptist and Polly the Parrot. Polly told the creation story, but got hung up on the sixth day when she proceeded to do an imitation of all the animals. The interpreter did well with the interpretation until the animal imitation. From there on, it was a one-bird show! Children liked Polly's Bible stories and came by the hundreds to listen. They called the Fairchilds "uncle" and "aunt."

Princeton, N. J. (EP) — Attendance at weekly worship services in the United States held steady in 1979 at what has been the norm for the past decade — about 40 percent, says a new Gallup survey. Weekly church attendance among adults nationwide has fluctuated between 40 and 42 percent since 1969. The trend reveals a pattern of church-going which has gradually tapered off from high points reached in 1955 and 1956, when nearly half the adult public worshipped regularly.

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Mission Board Appoints 22 In Alexandria Service

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — The largest gathering of Louisiana Southern Baptists in history saw 22 young adults named missionaries in the first Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointment service held in the state.

About 7,500 persons gathered in the Rapides Parish Coliseum in Alexandria April 8 to see the new missionaries appointed and hear an address by R. Keith Parks in his first appointment service since becoming executive director of the Foreign Mission Board in January.

"The one thing you're called of God to do... is to give a clear witness that Jesus Christ is Lord and... share with a lost and dying world that Jesus loves them," Parks said to the missionaries in an address based on Paul's statement in Acts 22:14-15.

When he extended an invitation at the service's conclusion for others to heed God's call, 85 responded. Of those, 65 expressed an interest in exploring possible foreign missions service.

Parks also announced that giving to the 1979 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions has already surpassed the total given for the 1978 offering by more than one and a half million dollars. As of April 8, the board has received \$37,425,201. Parks told a group including representatives of both the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission which promote the yearly offering.

With 92.4 percent of the 1979 goal of \$40.5 million already met, Parks called the Lottie Moon Christmas offering "the greatest single offering ever

brought together for spreading of the gospel around the world." He said it suggested a good future for Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust plan for sharing the gospel around the world by the year 2000.

The Louisiana Baptist Convention, host for the special service, arranged for it to coincide with the annual meeting of the Louisiana Woman's Missionary Union so that the Baptist women could attend the appointment service.

Mark L. Yeast, who will go with his wife to Venezuela, told the near-capacity crowd that the road to his appointment began not with his running to God, but with his running from God by joining the U.S. Army.

But while serving in Vietnam, Yeast said he realized that the Vietnamese and the Thai people had as much claim on God's love as he did. While completing study at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Yeast has worked with people from around the world as assistant chaplain at the Baptist Seamen's Center, New Orleans. The Yeasts are natives of Georgia.

Others named missionaries include Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O. Brotherton from Missouri and Mississippi, respectively, assigned to Korea; and Mr. and Mrs. James O. Hare, Mississippi and Arizona, to South Brazil.

Shall I tell you what has sustained me in my exile life, among strangers whose life and language I could not understand? It was this that comforted me at all times: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." —David Livingstone

Lamar Liquor Bill Dies

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Proponents of the bill were seeking to aid a group hoping to build a Holiday Inn at the intersection of Highway 98 and Interstate 59, which is in Lamar County and which is incorporated in the city limits of Hattiesburg. The claim was that Holiday Inn needed the sale of liquor to succeed.

As this facet of the bill went down it took with it the concept that a restaurant outside the city limits of a wet municipality and located in a wet county could serve liquor upon the recommendation of the board of supervisors.

Senators voting for recommitment were Alexander, Brooks, Burkes, Caldwell, Childers, Disharoon, Guerrier, Harpole, Johnson, Kirksey, Lancaster, Lee, May, Miller, Minor, Mulholland, Nix, Pittman, Powell.

It is the great design of the gospel to restore us to holiness as well as happiness. —Isaac Watts

God writes the gospel, not in the Bible alone, but on trees, flowers, clouds, and stars. —Martin Luther

Purvis, Rayborn, Shows, Stringer, Thames, and Waldrop.

Those voting against recommitment were Bodron, Canon, Crook, Davis, Dearing, Dewese, Dyer, Ellington, Fraiser, Gollott, Gordon, Gresham, Lambert, Mabry, Maloney, Mohamed, Montgomery, Rhodes, Scoper, David Smith, Martin Smith, George Smith, and Usey.

Editorial observations on the Senate action on House Bill 975 are on Page 4.

Underwood And Gray Will Retire

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — The retirement of two longtime administrative staff members was announced during the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Joseph B. Underwood, consultant on evangelism and church development for the past 17 years, will retire on Jan. 19, his 64th birthday.

Ione Gray, international writer and editor, will retire Oct. 1. Miss Gray, who will be 64 on Sept. 27, has been on leave of absence since last December.

Underwood, who with his wife served as a missionary to Brazil from 1943 to 1956, came to the board's home office staff as associate secretary for promotion in 1961. He assumed his present post in 1963, coordinating special projects in evangelism, stewardship promotion and church leadership training in Southern Baptist mission fields.

In recent years, Underwood has designed and promoted plans for major city evangelization that have involved hundreds of Southern Baptists in efforts to win the people of some of the world's largest cities to Christ.

Miss Gray, a member of the board staff since 1960, in recent years had done on-the-scene writing on mission work overseas and had performed various writing and editing responsibilities at the board headquarters.

Before taking her current post she was director of press relations for 10 years following a nine-year stint as managing editor of The Commission, the board's monthly magazine.

Miss Gray's writing has won the highest awards given by the Baptist Public Relations Association and the Religious Public Relations Council. She has lectured on communications and held writing workshops in the United States and in several foreign countries, including Switzerland where she taught creative writing at Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon.



Elven Fairchild, left, shows his interpreter, and two assistants from his audience in north India a lesson to be learned from ropes. The assistants tied each of three short rope into a circle. Then in a flash Fairchild zapped the three ropes together, interlocking each with the others. His message: "Only Jesus can link man to God like that. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Six From Mississippi

Board Approves Record 142 Journeymen

ALEXANDRIA, La. — The Foreign Mission Board approved a record 142 young adults for training as Southern Baptist missionary journeymen during its April meeting in Alexandria, La. Six are from Mississippi.

The number tops by 15 last year's record of 127 approvals — the largest number since the journeyman program began in 1965. That first year, 46 recent college graduates under 27 went overseas to work two years alongside career missionaries.

The Mississippians and their proposed destinations are: Jacqueline Coley, from Starkville, to Republic of Panama; Janet Dickerson, Booneville, to Yemen; Randy P. Leslie, Tupelo, to Uruguay; Louis P. May III, Colum-

bus, to Kenya; Dennis K. Roman, Holly Springs, to Gaza; and Sandra Snell, Hattiesburg, to Thailand.

Among the candidates, coming from 31 states and Canada, is the first dentist ever to be assigned as a missionary journeyman. Also included in the group are four nurses to fill a critical need at the Baptist Hospital in Jibla, Yemen. Most journeymen fill assignments as teachers, as youth, music or students workers, in clerical positions or in the health fields. Six of the 142 were approved as alternates. They will be given an assignment and enter training if an appropriate vacancy occurs.

North Carolina provided the largest number of journeymen — 17 — with

Oklahoma supplying 16. There are 11 couples, 46 single men and 75 single women.

Those who receive medical clearance and successfully complete the six-week training period at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., will be commissioned July 13.

Industry is fortune's right hand, and frugality is her left. — Benjamin Franklin

Life was not given us to be all used up in the pursuit of what we must leave behind when we die. —Joseph May

Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul. —Henry Van Dyke

... Jump Off A Cliff Because God Made It?

By Robert Hastings
CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP) — Norman Doorenbos is a Baptist layman who gained distinction as the "government pot farmer" at the University of Mississippi, 1968-71. During those years he operated a "pot farm" which raised all the marijuana used for government-sponsored research in the U.S. Under government supervision, he tended a five-acre plot containing over 300 types of marijuana.

His job was to find the types and strength of other drugs present in marijuana. Now the dean of science at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale, Doorenbos found over 80 drugs in marijuana. In contrast, tobacco has only one, nicotine.

How does he feel about marijuana, based on research? Not all the answers are in, he explains, but here are some of his convictions:

(1) Marijuana alone won't "drive people into crime," nor lead them to use harder drugs, nor increase sexual activity and pleasure. But marijuana users often develop a new set of friends who use other drugs, thus increasing their exposure to harder drugs.

(2) Marijuana does most of the harmful things that alcohol and tobacco do, plus some things which neither do. "My impression is that marijuana has a great deal more potential danger than either tobacco or alcohol," he says.

(3) Marijuana can hinder the development of muscle and bone in young people. Doctors and

psychologists working with drug users have noted the bones and muscles of young men in their early twenties (who used marijuana in their teens) have not grown much since childhood.

(4) A person smoking marijuana is a highway risk. It affects peripheral vision, time sense, and judgment of distance.

(5) Some of the chemicals in marijuana suppress or depress production of male hormones. Six weeks after conception, a male child begins to manufacture male hormones. But if the mother smokes marijuana, a number of consequences are possible. For one, he may be sterile as an adult.

(6) A marijuana user believes that somehow he is special, that someone else might get hurt, but not him. His friends know it's hurting him because they see personality changes — he grows forgetful, self-centered, loses interest in the future.

(7) Some drugs in marijuana are beneficial. For example, they may be safer to use in organ transplants. They may be beneficial in treating glaucoma, asthma, and nausea caused by powerful anti-cancer drugs.

(8) The carcinogenic (cancer-causing) content of marijuana smoke is 20 to 150 times higher than in tobacco smoke.

"Some people tell me if God created marijuana, why not smoke it?" he says. "I say that's as ridiculous as jumping off a cliff because God made the cliff!"

Upward Look

By Evie Goodrich, Clinton
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth (Psalm 121:1).

An elderly lady whose eyes had become tired after doing some sewing put down her work and sat down by a window and looked intently at the trees on the hillside.

A son of hers, who lived some distance away, stopped by to see her. He stood quietly for awhile and then said, "Mother, what are you doing?"

She turned and greeted him and then said, "I stopped sewing so that my vision might be strengthened and my faith enlarged."

What a difference it does make when we take time daily to look beyond the hills and to get our vision strengthened and faith enlarged. When we do, the results will be amazing and our attitudes and feelings different.

We should consider Paul who had enough opposition, hard work and distraction to share his faith, but his praying without ceasing brought him to a closer walk with God.

By having his vision enlarged he has made an indelible impression on an untold number of people.

In Philippians the fourth chapter and the 19th verse Paul said, "My God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

(Mrs. Goodrich is the widow of A. L. Goodrich, former Baptist Record editor.)

Just For The Record

Bethany Church, in Jeff Davis County near Prentiss, celebrated Easter with a 6 a.m. sunrise service, according to a report from Merle Hathorn.

Sherry Hathorn gave a chalk drawing entitled, "The Empty Tomb," as Nina Myers sang "I'll Rise Again," accompanied by Sandra Lane at the piano and Frances Boleware at the organ. The pastor, Danny Berry, delivered the morning message.

That afternoon, at 2 o'clock, "The Cole Family" from Carson and "The Believers" from Petal were featured in gospel singing.

The church is 1 1/4 miles south of Prentiss, on Highway 13. Mrs. Hathorn said, "Anytime anyone is passing through our area we would be glad to have you stop to worship with us."

Nassau, Bahamas — During the annual crusade for the Nassau, Bahamas, National Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention 359 people made decisions. More than 230 of these were professions of faith. National Baptists Michael Symonette, Simeon Hall and Bertram Armbrister were conference speakers.



BAY VISTA CHURCH, BILOXI, held an old-fashioned service March 16, to kick off its spring revival. The evangelist for the week was Steve Brown, pastor of First Church, Gainesville, Ga. Bill Wade, Bay Vista's music minister, led the music.

Recognition was given to those who wore old-fashioned dress: best dressed couple, Chaplain and Mrs. N. B. Saucier, best dressed woman, Mrs. Doris Perez; child, Heather Phinney; man, Curtis Bullard.

Left to right: Steve Brown, Chaplain and Mrs. Saucier, Mrs. Perez, Heather Phinney, Curtis Bullard, Randall Perry, pastor.

Hardy Church, Grenada County,

completed a successful observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Plans were made in February by the WMU Council and by the church in setting a goal of \$335. The activities began with the teaching of the mission study book to the church on Sunday evening, March 2.

On Monday, March 3, the women of the church were joined by the ladies of Wayside Church, Yalobusha Association, for a special mission program followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. The Hardy interim pastor, Charles Jones, brought mission messages.

On Sunday, March 23, Dolton Haggan, missionary to the Choctaw Indians, spoke. The GAs presented a puppet show about missions at the evening service on March 30. "Continuous observance throughout the month enabled our people to be more aware of home mission needs," stated William R. Moss, public relations director for the church.

Revival Reported In Thailand, Among Cambodians

BANGKOK, Thailand (EP) — The number of Cambodian Christians now meeting in one Thai refugee camp exceeds the total number of known Christians in Cambodia in 1975. That development has come in the wake of the widely-publicized southeast Asian refugee problem.

The congregation of recently-converted Christians in the Khao I Dang camp meets in a large bamboo church building that holds 3000. More than 40 small groups gather during the week in various parts of the sprawling camp that is home for over 110,000 refugees. The unique congregation is the largest Christian church in Thailand.

In the Sakao holding centre, more than 1500 have become Christians, according to Reg Reimer, director of the Christian and Missionary Alliance service agency that deals with refugees. "There is also reason to believe that similar movements to Christ are taking place in Cambodia," he added. Reimer pointed out that refugees picking up food on the Thai border are also asking for scriptures in their own languages.



Shiloh Church, Houlika, Chickasaw Association, observed Youth Week beginning Sunday, March 16. Youth of the church performed all scheduled services normally performed by elected officials, teachers, and pastor. The week was culminated by morning services and youth fellowship on Friday and Saturday nights and on Sunday.

"This activity proves that with God's support and willing youth, even a small church (average Sunday attendance about 75) can have a successful Youth Week. However, it did require utilizing almost all the youth from about 14 years of age through the younger single adults," stated Bobby Long, pastor.

Pictured after receiving plaques of recognition for services performed are the youth, Clarke College Youth Team and the Youth Week committee chairman. Participating youth were Letitia Gann, Martha Clark, Mark Long, Tim Jamison, John Goodrich, Brenda Holder, Terry Holder, Rodney Dallas, David Kilgore, Steve Lusty, Cindy Lusty, Debbie Long, Junior Kilgore, Janine McCullough, Ricky Parker, Lori McCarver, Tony McManus, Jane Saxton, Melinda Holder, and Billy Tutor.



POCAHONTAS CHURCH dedicated a new Rogers organ recently. Professor Billy Trotter of Mississippi College, left, presented a special program in organ music for the Sunday evening congregation. Pictured after the dedication in the sanctuary with Trotter are, from left: Randy Turner, pastor; Mrs. Thomas Whitfield, church organist; and Matt Adams, minister of music.

Hardy Denham Has New Book

NASHVILLE — Hardy R. Denham, pastor, First Church, Newton, will have a new book published by Broadman Press in April.

Living Toward a Vision is the title of the new book by Denham, who holds degrees from Mississippi College, Trinity University and New Orleans Seminary.

Sacramento, Calif. (EP) — Leaders of major Protestant and Jewish denominations are supporting legislation to repeal a new California law giving the state attorney general power to inspect church records. The new law, effective January 1, is part of a massive rewriting of the statute concerning non-profit corporations which was passed by the state legislature last year with the backing of the state bar association.

Temple Of Bacchus Founders Lose Legal Battle

WELLS, Maine (EP) — The founders of the Temple of Bacchus have lost a long legal battle with the town of Wells over whether their temple is a church or a restaurant. A judge has ruled that it certainly isn't a church.

The temple, named after the Roman god of wine and revelry, was founded two years ago by Vincent J. Morino and H. Carlisle Estes.

After being denied a restaurant license, they opened the temple and offered divine feasts for \$15 contributions. Superior Court Justice Stephen L. Perkins has issued a permanent injunction to prohibit the temple from serving meals until it gets a restaurant license.

Names In The News



The Carraways

Pastor and Mrs. Clyde C. Carraway of Silver City, were honored with a reception in March on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Some 200 guests attended the reception at Calvary Baptist Church in Cleveland.

Hosts were the couple's children, the Rev. and Mrs. Hiram Harrison of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Carraway of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson of Canton; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Knight of Cleveland.

Mrs. Carraway was presented with a corsage of bud roses. Out-of-state guests were from Florida, Alabama and Georgia.

Sandy Hammond, Acteen, received her Queen's crown in a candlelight service at Vanilla Church on March 2. The theme of the program was "Follow the Glean."

Bradley Pope, Baptist student director at Mississippi College, and his wife Jo Ann wrote an article on "Marriage, What A Way To Go," that was published in the March issue of Baptist Student magazine.

Frank Ruiz, previous pastor of the Spanish Baptist Church of Columbia, S. C. has accepted the call to the Temple Church of Sunnyside, Washington. He will be employed jointly by the Northwest Baptist Convention, and the church. During his pastorate in Columbia, he led the church in reorganizing its Sunday School and membership roll. The church began Church Training, Baptist Women, Baptist Men and their auxiliaries. He led in the buying of church furniture. During his pastorate, there were nine baptisms and 13 joining by letter. Sunday School enrollment increased from 21 to 35.

Ruiz previously pastored in Kentucky, Michigan, and Mississippi. He is employed by the Home Mission Board as an associate missionary under the Language Department. He and his wife Lois have six children ranging in age from two to 23.

Harvey A. Kelly has accepted the position as minister of music and youth at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian. Before going to Meridian he was minister of music at Highland Church, Laurel.

Kelly is a native of Hattiesburg. He received the Bachelor of Music degree from University of Southern Mississippi and Master of Church Music degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He and his wife were married Sept. 1, 1979.

Lewis Sewell recently celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of First Church, Oxford.

Carl E. Hayes has accepted the pastorate of the Wayside Church, Yalobusha Association. He moved there from Corinth Church, Pearl River Association. Hayes is married to the former Jennell Rannels of Eudora, Ark. They have three sons, Jeff, Jamie, and Joseph. Hayes is a graduate of New Orleans

Dorothy Emmons, missionary to Tanzania, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 739, Arusha, Tanzania). A native of Mississippi, she was born in Lake.

Doyle and Martha Robertson, missionaries to Peru, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, San Francisco de Dos Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). He was born in Manila, Ark. She was born in Hattiesburg. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1979.

Kelly A. Travis was licensed November 7, 1979 by Bethel Church in Poplarville to preach the gospel. He is available for supply, youth revival, youth week, or other pulpits duty. His address is Route 1, Box 293, Poplarville, MS. 39470 (phone 601-772-9064) Dan Finley, pastor of Bethel Church, presented

Travis the license.

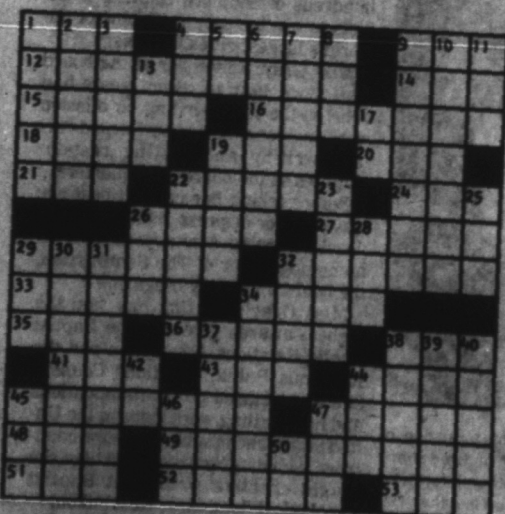
Lauderdale: May Day Madness For Senior Adults

All senior adults from churches of Lauderdale Association have been invited to Senior Adult Supper at First Baptist Church, Meridian, sponsored by the association, on Thursday, May 1. It will begin at 5:15 p.m. Gordon Samsing will be the speaker.

April 27-May 3 has been designated in the denomination's calendar as Senior Adult Week. The "Kitchenaires" from Fifteenth Avenue Church will entertain at the supper and the "Golden Age Choir" from South Side will sing on the program when Samsing speaks. Only 400 tickets will be available for the supper and the cost is \$2.50 each. Tickets are on sale in churches with senior adult ministries and at the association's office for other senior adults.

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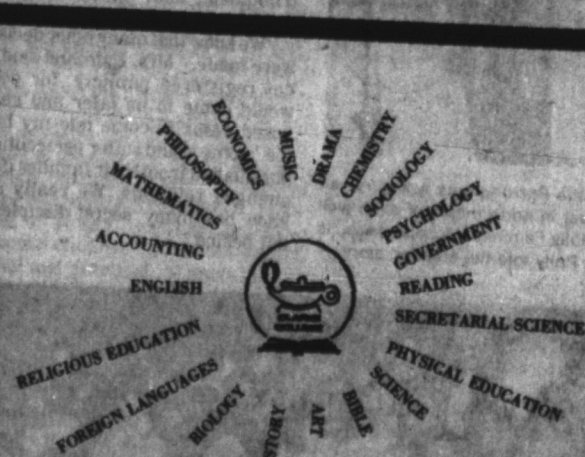
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Bi-Monthly "Scoop" Correlates Singles' Doings At Broadmoor

By Anne McWilliams
(NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of five articles about singles ministries in Jackson. Five churches were interviewed for an article in Christian Single magazine.)

Singles Scoop, a bi-monthly newspaper, is the thread of communication that helps to bind together the singles and their activities at Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

David Grant of Nashville (son of the Broadmoor pastor, David Grant) is one of the former Broadmoor singles on the paper's mailing list. Recently he commented in a letter, "Please keep sending me the Scoop so I can keep up with who's doing what and watch how you are growing in the Lord. . . . The Scoop is the best thing since the Baptist Record."

Broadmoor, with a membership of 3840 plus, has at least 400 single adults, 300, or a few more, active in Sunday School and Church Training. Two groups of singles are: 1947 and after (163 enrolled), and 1946 and before (58 enrolled). The Scoop goes to the 1947 and after group, and also to former members and to prospective members. Judy Shelton, editor, said, "I think the paper helps us feel like a family." Judy is an employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Her associate editor is Beverly Sanders.

"Put fellowship, snow-covered mountains, camaraderie, strength, sharing, band-aids, growth, games, skiing, seven dollars, fast meals, long

lines, short naps, tubing, inspiration, and hot and cold running buses together with many of our members and what do you have? The Singles! Sixth annual trip to Gatlinburg!" This announcement of a ski trip got a good response.

Earlier Richard Ingram had reported in the Scoop that the first annual Canoe-a-Thon on the Leaf River was a great success. "Twenty campers feasted on barbecued chicken. Saturday morning we had breakfast: scrambled eggs, sausage, grapefruit, etc. Ralph took female campers to town to fix up and look presentable. Evidently someone thought they needed it. Personally I thought they looked OK. Twenty more canoeists arrived Saturday morning and we were all in the water at 9:17 a.m. Rather, Judy was in the water; the rest were in our canoes.

"Dead End Bend took its toll; three canoes sank, with six casualties. Some of us came back to life at the waterfall/swimming hole."

Besides social activities, the paper covers other singles events such as retreats, as well as churchwide events such as revivals. The front page usually carries an article by a church leader — the pastor or the education director, Bob McKee, or the music minister, J. M. Wood, or a Sunday School teacher. Space is given to the outreach leader.

A sports column, a Prayer Closet (prayer requests and prayer thoughts), lists of new members and

visitors, recipes, Sunday School lesson previews, a Bible study column, personal notes, quizzes and puzzles such as the Mystery Couple of the Week, reports on mission trips to Dominica or elsewhere — these are some of the diverse features of the paper.

Wednesday nights the singles Sunday School members meet with their Sunday School teachers and officers for a brief time, to help them plan the teaching strategy.

For Church Training, some topics the singles have chosen for study are money management, finance, loneliness, marriage, dating, prayer.

Single Sounds is the name of the singles ensemble. The Singles Choir rehearses on Monday nights.

The older group (1946 and before) reserves Third Thursdays for recreation, or a dinner together. Once a month they lunch together at the church. All the singles have opportunities to use the church facilities for basketball, skating, bowling, volleyball, and tennis.

Singles have been very active in missions activities. The young group visited the Seamen's Center in Pascagoula to clean up the place and hold services. Twice they have gone to Hope Baptist Church, Flanders, New Jersey in summers to teach VBS in mornings, visit prospects in afternoons, and lead revival meetings at night. Also they have held VBS for migrants' children in Morton and for Choctaws in Philadelphia.

Revival Dates

Star Church (Rankin): April 27-30; David Spencer, pastor of First Church, Sulligent, AL., evangelist; Mike Smith, directing the music; regular Sunday services; Mon.-Wed. services at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Jimmy Harrington, pastor.

Southside, Jackson: April 27-May 2; Everette Martin, evangelist; Jamall Badry of Manitou Springs, Colo., music evangelist; Fred Fowler, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during the week at 7:30 p.m. (Martin, a Mississippi native, was pastor for 27 years in four states — Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana — before entering evangelism.)

Grace Church (Bolivar): May 18-23; A. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs, evangelist; Joe DeLoach, minister of music, First Church, Boyle, directing the singing; William A. Sullivan, pastor.

Robinhood Church (Rankin): May 2-4; Jim Bazemore, Yazoo City, evangelist; Danny Brock, Madison Association, music evangelist; 7:30 p.m. services; Mike Pennox, pastor.

L. C. Riley Retired Minister, Dies At 84

Lawrence Clark Riley, Sr., 84, retired Baptist minister, died March 18 in the Amory Manor Nursing Home where he had been since Feb. 4. Riley had suffered two severely disabling strokes and was hospitalized in January.

Funeral services were March 20 at First Church, Amory, where he was a member. Pastor Jim Futral officiated.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Susan M. Riley, 801 10th Ave. N., Amory, Miss. 38821; a daughter, Mrs. Suzanne Sparks, Amory; and a son, L. C. Riley, Jr., of Clinton, six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Riley was born in Morganfield, Ky. and educated at Bowling Green University and Moody Bible Institute. He taught school in Kentucky and then in the Spencerian Business College, Newburgh, N. Y., where he met and later married the former Susan Mae Smith of Newburgh.

He and Mrs. Riley would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Easter Sunday, having been married in Washington, D. C. on April 6, 1920.

Riley served churches in West Frankfort, Ill. and Mansfield, La. as music and educational director. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in West Frankfort, Ill., Oct. 23, 1923, serving his first pastorate in Logansport, La. Since then he has held pastorates in Arkansas, Memphis, Tenn., and in Mississippi. He retired from the active pastorate of 1960 and later served on the staff of Morrison Heights Church in Clinton.

Aside from the preaching ministry Riley was active in the field of music, and in Boy Scout work. During World War II he served as an air raid warden in Memphis while pastor. He was a veteran of World War I.

He and Mrs. Riley had resided in Amory since 1974. In lieu of flowers memorials were sent to the Bitterroot Christian Academy in Hamilton, Montana 59840.

"God said it, I believe it, and that settles it" were his living words and attitude.



MC Choir: Goodwill Ambassadors

Senator Wayne Burkes (left) of Bolton, presents a Senate Concurrent Resolution to Lewis Nobles (center), president of Mississippi College, and Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, appointing the Mississippi College Concert Choir as "Goodwill Ambassadors" from the state as they travel to Mexico City, Mexico, to participate in "Fiesta '80" Musical Festival. The Choir was selected to participate in the festival scheduled this month through an invitation extended by the Mexican National Tourist Council and the Mexican National Institute of Fine Arts. The resolution states that the choir's selection reflected "great credit upon the individual choir members, their director and school, and brings honor to the state of Mississippi."

Staff Changes

Ed North has resigned as pastor of First Church, Quitman to accept the pastorate of First Church, Blytheville, Ark. A native of Louisiana, North has served in Mississippi since 1968.

He has served two terms on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, led seminars and workshops for various agencies of the Board, and has been involved in mission tours to Kenya and South Africa under sponsorship of the state Stewardship Department.

North

Kent Crider has been called as music-youth director at Calvary, Yazoo City. He moved there from First Church, Lumberton. He and his wife Jerry have two children, Kyle, 3, and Tabitha, 4 months.

Crider

Patsy Allen Gladney has accepted a call from the Robinson Street Church (Hinds-Madison) as church pianist. Mrs. Gladney presently serves the church as interim pianist. James M. Doyle, pastor, announced that the church voted to call Mrs. Gladney April 16.

Mrs. Gladney is also a teacher at Jackson Key Elementary School. She and her husband, Don, have one daughter, Donna.

L. Wayne McCullar has resigned as pastor of First Church, Crystal Springs, in order to enter a position in the area of home missions and evangelism. He and his family will make their home in San Francisco, Calif. The church honored the McCullars with a reception on Tuesday, April 22, the closing day of his pastorate there.

Bethlehem (Jones) To Honor Military Personnel May 25

Military personnel will return to Bethlehem Church, Jones County, on May 25, for a reunion. All former and present armed forces personnel who have at any time claimed Bethlehem as their home church are invited to share in this day of worship and fellowship, states Inez Richards, education director.

Just before the 11 a.m. worship ser-

Magnolia Street Church, Laurel has employed Curtis Alston of Clarke County to work with its youth.

H. C. Bailey has been called as pastor of the Palestine Church, Harrisville, and has moved there from Holly Springs Church, Foxworth.

Gregg Thomas has accepted a call as associate pastor of the Wheeler Grove Church, Corinth. He moved there from North Winona Church, Winona, where he was minister of music and youth for two years. At Wheeler Grove he will serve primarily as youth, children's church, and education director.

The son of Horace Thomas of Corinth, pastor of Shiloh Church, and Mrs. Thomas, is a ministerial student at Blue Mountain. A native of Tupelo, he is a graduate of Itawamba High School at Fulton and attended Mississippi Delta Junior College and Mississippi College.

Harold Harris, part time Baptist Student Union director at Meridian Junior College, and Matty Hersee School of Nursing, has resigned that position. He is pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church and will continue there.

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"The rod and reproof give wisdom" (Prov. 29:15).

It is only by forgetting yourself that you draw near to God. — Henry David Thoreau

Homecomings

First Church, Louise, will hold its second annual homecoming day on Sunday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. R. J. Sanderson of Lucedale, former pastor of the church, will preach at the 11 a.m. service.

The day's schedule will include: Welcoming Fellowship, 10 a.m., by Bill McClellan, pastor; 11 a.m., morning worship; 12 noon, dinner at the church; 1:15 p.m., Rejoicing in Retrospect.

Homecoming Day in Woodhaven Church, Ocean Springs will be Sunday, May 4. Special speakers will be Zeno Wells, former director of missions, Jackson County Association, and Bill Barton, founder and director of Homes of Grace and former interim pastor of Woodhaven Church.

There will be dinner on the grounds and singspiration in the afternoon. Former members and friends are invited to attend, according to Curtis I. Miller, pastor.

Janice Church, Route 1, Brooklyn, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, April 27, according to V. C. Windham, pastor. Lunch will be served at the church. A revival starts that day (See "Revival Dates" column.) Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The entire church building has a new roof, paid for. The auditorium has recently been carpeted. Mrs. Doris Patrick has made covers for chairs in the choir. A baptistry has been ordered and will be installed soon, as a gift from the K. J. Patterson, Sr., family in memory of their parents.

Manila, Philippines — University Baptist Church in Manila, Philippines, has taken over responsibility for Baptist student work at the student union building in Manila for a one year trial period. The church, led by Pastor Henry Cabalang, is in charge of the staff, funding and maintenance of the student union facilities. Previously the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines had provided a budget and workers, including a missionary director. Cabalang is student director this year.

was revived until his death in 1907. In 1924 the church was so poor the members had to bring coal from home to have a fire to worship by.

Then in the period 1925 - 1940 a renewed interest arose. The records again were burned and in 1925 a new roll was started with only ten claiming membership.

Soon a Baptist Young People's Union was organized. The year 1935 found financially poor Hardy church asking the State Mission Board for assistance.

From then on Hardy Church has grown. In 1952 a new building was dedicated. In 1955 a new pastorial was built, and in 1960 an educational building was added. Then in 1975 a 30 x 60 foot fellowship and recreational building was completed.

Under the direction of a strong WMU and missions program, the gifts to missions have equaled to approximately 26% of its total receipts. Hardy Church presently has a total of 212 resident members.

Hardy Church Awards First Scholarship; Missions And Service Are Watchwords

Hardy Church, Grenada Association, awarded its first scholarship in January, 1980. The recipient was Ronald Truitt Meeks, a ministerial student at Blue Mountain College. His home is Route 2, Corinth, and he is a member of the Oakland Church at Corinth, Tommy Vinson, pastor.

On June 12, 1977 the members at Hardy voted to start a perpetual fund to help ministerial students in need of financial aid. Special offerings have been taken each November to get the fund started. Also individual members and interested parties have given offerings to the fund as donations or memorials.

The scholarship committee presents the names of selected recipients to the church members by December 1 each year. Scholarships then are granted for aid in the spring, summer, or fall semester, the recipient selecting the semester.

Application forms are available at the church and may be obtained by writing the Scholarship Committee, Hardy Baptist Church, Route 2, Gre-

nada, Mississippi 38901. Application forms are also available at the Baptist-supported colleges.

Missions Interest In Past. Hardy Church was organized in 1840. Other names it has been called are: Antioch, Troy, Mount Paran. Early worship was in a log school until 1845 when a church building was erected. The earliest members had quarterly meetings for the purpose of praying for missions.

The first sermon preached on foreign missions by Pastor J. G. Hall was so forceful that \$20.00 was raised that day for foreign missions. Missions and service became the church's watchwords.

In 1890 the Ladies Missionary Society was organized with 14 women. From here the first Sunday School was organized. The women made and sold quilts and raised \$50.00 for missions.

The church records were destroyed by fire in 1890 and little was salvaged. Growth was small for some reason from 1890 - 1896. But under the leadership of Pastor A. A. Lomax, the church

Revival Results

Grace Memorial, Tupelo: six professions of faith; Joe Holcomb, pastor; Wednesday night, "Love the Pastor" night, many letters written to the pastor, and a love offering presented to him. (The church, which was organized Oct. 12, 1976 with 14 charter members, has baptized 50 this church year and has received 18 by letter. Easter Sunday the Sunday School attendance goal was 201, and 228 were present. With 169 enrolled, usually attendance is around 165. Holcomb is the only pastor the church has had.)

Stockholm, Sweden — In a recent interview Miss Ulla Bardh appealed to the free churches here to open their eyes to the possibilities of evangelical work among the 70,000 students in Stockholm. After a church pastorate, she became pastor for students several years ago under Baptist auspices. University students in crises have gone to her for counsel. (EBPS).

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In Ethiopia

Groce Finds Sanctuary Full, Bibles Going Like Hot Cakes

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (BP) — Southern Baptist missionary V. Lynn Groce didn't know the surprises in store for him when he decided to visit the largest Ethiopian Orthodox church in Addis Ababa's heavily populated market area.

Instead of the usual sparsely attended early morning mass, he saw the sanctuary filled. A monk preached a fiery sermon in a question-and-answer style that demanded vocal responses from the traditionally shy Orthodox participants.

Groce left 500 Bible society Scripture tracts at the church that day. Later he delivered another three sets of 2,000 tracts each, on the subjects of Easter, the way of salvation and new life in Christ, for the church to distribute after early morning services.

Those 6,500 tracts were just a part of the 156,500 tracts the Baptist mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) in Ethiopia distributed in 1979 alone. Through Bible distribution and personal discipleship of individual believers, the missionaries are trying to prepare the Church for the future in a Marxist country.

Groce, an agriculturalist who now serves as mission administrator in the capital, and his wife Suzanne work with Southern Baptist missionaries Jerry Bedsole, a veterinarian, and his wife Rosie in carrying out Bible and developmental ministries. They work

alongside the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, the dominant church today in this country where Christianity dates back to the fourth century.

In the marketplace church, Groce saw many things that were not typical of Ethiopian Orthodoxy, which has more ties with Judaism than most Christian churches.

Bible studies were very well attended by youth in the morning and adults in the afternoon, although traditional Orthodox churches do not promote Bible study even by church leaders. Orthodox sanctuaries, modeled on Jewish temples, are considered very holy places, so Bible studies and other meetings are usually held out-of-doors, or in other church buildings.

Groce noted that the few Bibles scattered around were obviously well used by people apparently very familiar with the Scriptures.

The monk led the study that day from Revelations 3:1-6, the message to the church at Sardis: "I don't know that you have the reputation of being alive, even though you are dead: so wake up, and strengthen what you have before it dies completely." This was his message to his own congregation.

He also turned to John 3:16 and preached Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation. "None of these things we do here mean anything by comparison — only belief in Jesus will

save you," he said. He then challenged the adults to educate their children in Christian things before it was too late.

After the Bible study, Groce and the monk met with a development planning committee of laymen who want to have a handcraft school to help support the church and some of its poorer members. Groce formerly worked alongside Southern Baptist missionaries who operated a handcraft school in the rural Menz district. The planning committee asked Groce's advice and help with their project and requested more Bibles to use during Bible study periods.

While Groce distributes Scriptures to churches and through other outlets, Bedsole gives Scripture portions to each person who brings an animal for treatment in his daily clinics.

By working together the Groces and Bedsoles distributed almost 7,000 Bibles or New Testaments and 27,700 Scripture portions in addition to the tracts in 1979. The Bible Society of Ethiopia provided 136,500 of those tracts.

A mandatory literacy campaign in Ethiopia has made their job easier. The newly literate are hungry for simple reading material. Quite often, as a result of a policy by the former regime to suppress languages other than the national language, Amharic people could not get any reading material in their own language.

After years of struggle in translation work, the Bible Society of Ethiopia has a number of new materials coming out in tribal languages. Most important are those materials designed for new readers. The Baptist mission has been able to distribute only 2,000 of these because they are sold to eager readers within a matter of hours after they come from the publishers.

Monrovia, Liberia — The Southern Baptist Mission in Liberia, in conjunction with the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Education Convention, Inc., plans to begin publishing a Liberian Baptist news magazine in April. The first issue will coincide with the LBMEC centennial celebration that month. Although Christians have been in Liberia for 100 years and Liberian Baptists had a newspaper as early as 1900, that paper and at least one other died out long ago, according to Southern Baptist missionary Buddy Norville, who is literature coordinator in Liberia.

HMB Names Wiley

ATLANTA (BP) — Robert Edgar Wiley, 38, was elected to the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the April meeting of the board's directors.

Wiley, currently director of associational missions in the East Central and Eastern Associations in Indiana, will become associate director of the board's rural-urban missions department.

In addition to electing Wiley to the staff, directors also approved 55 persons for mission service, including six missionaries, seven missionary associates, eight mission pastor interns and 34 persons to receive church pastoral and language pastoral aid.

Wiley, a native of Catlettsburg, Ky., will assume his new position in early May. He is a graduate of the University of Evansville, Ind., and attended Georgetown College, Goshen Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Ind., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Devotional

The Reunion

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalms 66:18)

By Ruby K. Poole, Macon

Whenever anything causes your life with Jesus Christ to disintegrate, turn to Him at once and ask His forgiveness.

A friend related a true experience to me some time ago about a person having a disagreement with him over a business deal. Some unkind words were expressed. Almost eight years had gone by, and the man called my friend asking if he could come by his home and talk with him. When he arrived a few minutes later, the man asked my friend if he remembered the hard feelings he'd had toward him some years back. It was evident they both remembered.

The man said, "Well, I've come to ask your forgiveness." They both apologized for the hurt feelings and both received a great spiritual blessing from the experience. Before he left, they had prayer together. When the man got up to leave, they shook hands and he said, "You know, this is the first time in eight years I've had any real fellowship with God."

It is impossible to enter into communion with God when we hoard iniquity in our hearts. It not only destroys us, but deters God's continued blessings in our lives.

The most thrilling element for these two men was their confidence in God's power to deliver them. Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." He also taught us by His Words and His example that to forgive and be forgiven is one of our greatest needs.

(Mrs. Poole is the wife of Hugh Poole, pastor of First Church, Macon.)

FMB Votes To Dig Wells, Station Ag Missionaries In Upper Volta

By Mike Livingston

TENKODUGOU, Upper Volta (BP) — South of the Sahara Desert in West Africa where drought is perennial, Southern Baptists are about to plunge in to bring the people a permanent water supply.

Villagers around Tenkodougou in the central part of Upper Volta may depend more upon rainfall for survival than any other people anywhere. Enough rain falls in the area to make a crop . . . if the rain falls at the right time.

That's a big "if" in this area because the rain must fall at just the right stages as crops mature. Frequently nearly all the rain falls at once and the dry soil sucks it up so fast that everything shrivels and dies. No crops can be produced again until the next year . . . maybe.

But at its April board meeting the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$35,000 for two deep-drilled wells in the Tenkodougou area.

The wells — one in the village and one several miles away from Southern Baptist missionaries in Upper Volta hope a dam can be constructed — are only the beginning of a project that could take years to complete and a million dollars to finance.

"After the wells are in we hope it proves feasible to construct a dam and make a sizeable lake," says John Mills, board secretary for West Africa.

"If we do that there can be some irrigation, some fish farming, and some development of the villages around that area."

But the dam is not part of the initial plans.

First, a permanent water supply will have to be produced for the villagers and missionaries already living in the area and for volunteers Mills hopes will work on latter stages of the project.

"We're just going to take it one step at a time," he says. "We've got the money for two wells, we'll get the people to build them, then we'll go on to the next step. We feel like the project offers all kinds of opportunities to help people while we're growing churches in the process."

The Sandwabo area has 13 churches, all of which grew out of earlier Southern Baptist relief efforts in years when there were no crops. No one, however, can give a very accurate estimate of how many people the wells in Upper Volta will affect because of mobile population and indistinct village perimeters.

Mills says many wells have been dug by hand throughout Upper Volta, some as deep as 85 feet, but "what we've found is that the wells will go dry in a year or two. Then you have to go back in and deepen them and you may get one that will last, but none of them have been there long enough for us to know."

He recalls that during a speaking engagement at a church in a similar area a woman invited him to see one of the hand-dug wells. "She was so proud of the well because that was the first dry season she and her children had not had to carry water on their heads six miles to their home."

Besides funding the wells, the board will transfer agricultural missionaries (Mississippians) Larry Cox and his wife Cheryl from Ivory Coast. They will arrive in Upper Volta about the first of next year.

"When possible we're hoping to appoint a civil engineer who has some know-how about water resources, building and development," says Mills, adding, "he would also coordinate the project when we start bringing in volunteers from the States to work with our field evangelists and agriculturalists."

When the project reaches that stage it will need many volunteers and the cost could approach \$1 million or more.

But for now, Mills says, the area needs "those two wells because with them we can begin pulling the people away from that fine line between life and death upon which they live all the time."

(Mike Livingston, associate editor of Probe magazine, SBC Brotherhood Commission, wrote this during a special assignment at the SBC Foreign Mission Board in Richmond.)

Story Lady's Messages Keep Phone Lines Busy

ADA, Okla., (BP) — "Thank you for calling the Story Lady," says the recorded message. "Today's story is about Mary and Joseph."

So begins a typical three-minute recorded message for children in a new ministry of First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla. By dialing a telephone number, children can hear Bible stories, written and recorded by public school and Sunday School teacher Bobbie Altmiller.

"The minute we hooked the machine on the line, it started cycling with incoming calls," said Randy Tompkins, minister of education and administration. In the first 24 hours, there were 292 calls registered. After three days the total was 940 and after three weeks, almost 5,000 callers had listened to the stories.

The cost of an additional telephone line and recording requirement was less than \$350 and Tompkins said the service is a valuable publicity tool for the church as well. The phone ministry will also be used to offer rides to Sunday school on the church's buses and to publicize Vacation Bible School and revivals.

"We plan to ask the children calling to draw a picture of the story they've heard and send it to the Story Lady," Tompkins explained. "We'll acknowledge their pictures with a postcard and display the drawings in the church foyer, plus we'll get names and addresses for follow-up visitation."

Bible Book Series

Holiness In Life And Worship

By J. Roy McComb
First, Columbia
Leviticus 18:1-27:34

This section of Leviticus is commonly known as the "Holiness Code." The basis of these statutes and laws is not irrational taboos, but rather the covenant relationship between Israel and God.

The word "holiness" in its simplest form means "set apart." Israel as a nation was to be set apart unto God.

I. The Sanctity of Sexuality (Leviticus 18:1-30) These verses deal with unlawful marriages. The use of such an expression as "uncover the nakedness" seems to stress the fact that such unions are as condemned here cannot be true marriages but result more from fleshly passion than from natural and holy affections. The reason given for the prohibition is that the parties involved are near kin. Obviously, incest is prohibited by the Lord. Incest was at times a common practice of the pagans among whom Israel was living.

Verses 20-23 deal with several sexual perversions: (1) adultery, (2) child abuse, (3) homosexuality, (4) bestiality. All of these are prohibited. Israel was not to become involved in perverted sexual behavior. These few verses speak a word of truth to Christians in this generation.

II. The Sanctity of Human Behavior (Leviticus 19:1-37). Verse 2 comprises the central theme of the book of Leviticus, "Ye shall be holy for I, Jehovah your God am holy." The precepts and prohibitions of this chapter do not set forth a complete enumeration of all moral or ceremonial duties. These verses serve to illustrate how the Israelites were to apply these standards to their daily lives. First, the writer instructs the Israelites to honor their parents and to reverence God. It is interesting that these two instructions are closely connected.

Second, the writer talks about the requirements concerning man's relationship to man. First, one is to be generous. He is not to take all that he could take for himself. He is to remember those less fortunate than he. Second, a man is not to steal nor deal falsely nor lie to another man. Third, a man is not to oppress his neighbor nor rob him but is to treat him fairly in business relationships. Fourth, a man is to be righteous in his judgments. To put it simply, one is not to be respecter

of persons, either of the poor or the wealthy. Fifth, a man is not to hate his brother in his heart. Thus, he is not to take vengeance against his fellow man, but he is to love his neighbor as himself. "Neighbor" in this incident probably refers specifically to a fellow Israelite.

III. The Sanctity of God's Statutes (Leviticus 20:1-27). Chapter 20 reminds us explicitly that the instructions and statutes of God are not to be taken lightly. Verses 1-5 call to our attention the gravity of disobeying God. This also reminds us of the gravity of a people ignoring the sinful disobedience of their fellow man. These verses call into serious question the attitude of many today which is "You do your thing and I'll do mine." This may sound reasonable, but it is irrational. The judgment of God can fall upon an entire nation because of the neglect of His Standards.

Chapter 20 actually states the penalties for breaking the statutes of God. To assure obedience to rightful authority, it never has been enough just to appeal to the consciences of men. It has always been necessary to declare standards and execute penalties for disobedience.

IV. The Sanctity of Worship (Leviticus 21:1-24:23) Holiness was especially manifested through worship in all its varied forms.

The priests maintained holiness by the following measures: (1) refusing to participate in funeral ceremonies, (2) refusing to marry an impure woman, (3) selecting for priests men without physical defects.

All offerings dedicated to the Lord were uniquely holy and, therefore, were protected from unclean persons. The priests were warned by the threat of death not to cause to be unclean the holy things of the Lord. Specific instructions were given to the children of Israel concerning the offerings that they would make to God.

The children of Israel were instructed to have reverence for Holy Days. Through these Israel symbolically dedicated all of time to the Lord. In addition to the Sabbath, Israel recognized five festivals: (1) Passover, (2) Pentecost, (3) Feast of Trumpets, (4) Day of Atonement, (5) Festival of Booths.

The sanctity of rituals was to be maintained. Concern for both ritual and ethical conduct are combined in

fitting fashion within this chapter suggesting the propriety of both. Specific instructions were given concerning attention to the lights in the sanctuary. The lamp stand within the tabernacle fulfilled more than the functional purpose of lighting an otherwise dark room. Indeed, it drew together the role of light in the context of darkness which characterized religion prior to the creation of Israel as a nation. This reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World. There was to be a constant supply of oil for the lamp.

Standing on the north side of the holy place opposite the golden lamp stand was a golden table described in Exodus 25:23-30. Israel was instructed to keep a constant supply of bread — twelve loaves (one for each tribe of Israel) — on the table. This reminds us that Jesus said He is the Bread of Life. The loaves were to be arranged in two rows or perhaps two piles of six loaves each. On or beside each row or pile of loaves there was to be a bowl or spoon of frankincense, which was to be burned before the Lord each Sabbath.

A major responsibility of men and women is that of sharing in the creation of new life and in the nurture of children according to God's plan. Eve's joy in the birth of a son reminds us that every child has the right to be wanted, loved, and appreciated. In recognizing that she had a child with God's help, Eve showed gratitude to the Creator. The biblical view stresses the fact that children are a special gift of God, bringing both joy and responsibility.

If before the Year of Jubilee a family had to sell its property because of financial difficulties, then a near kinsman could come along and redeem it. This was the Law of Redemption. The Book of Ruth has much to say about this. As a matter of fact, spiritually, Jesus has become our kinsman redeemer. He has redeemed us for an inheritance unto the Lord and all of our sins have been forgiven.

VI. The Sanctity of a Person's Desire To Serve God (Leviticus 27:1-34) Chapter 27 deals with a person's desire to serve the Lord in a given fashion. One can quickly see the tremendous value and importance of this Holiness Code. Israel coming out of Egypt and entering land among pagans needed to be able to represent God. God's statutes revealed God's nature. Israel was to be a reflection of Jehovah. The Christian church today is to be a reflection of Jehovah.

Every fiftieth year was to be a Year of Jubilee. During this year all land reverted back to the original family free of encumbrances. So it was that no one was able to buy land in Israel forever.

Life and Work Lesson Responsible Parenting

By Tommy Tutor,
Genesis 1:4; Proverbs 22:6;
Ephesians 6:1-4

The family is the basis of all society. In this family unit there are four vital human relationships: (1) the husband to wife, (2) the wife to husband, (3) the parents to children, and (4) the children to parents. If one or more of these relationships are distorted the family suffers damage. This lesson discusses the responsible parents.

I. The Gratitude Of The First Parent (Genesis 4:1)

This is God's record of the first child — replenishing the earth. The propagation of the human race did not begin until after the fall and the subsequent expulsion from paradise. Generation in man is an act of personal free-will, not a blind impulse of nature, and rests upon a moral self-determination. It flows from the divine institution of marriage and the responsibility of parenthood.

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II. The Influence Of Parents On Their Children (Proverbs 22:6).

Parents may influence their children most by "unconscious" influence. That is what they are more so than what they teach. Therefore, parents have responsibility to instruct by life as well as precept. The word "train" means to put something into the mouth, to give to be tasted, and to give elementary instructions. These instructions in God's precepts will become a second nature of the child and will never depart.

Paul takes it for granted that the Christian home will have children. Nowhere has he cause to treat the modern crimes of abortion and so-called birth control which defeat the divine purpose of marriage as instituted by God (Genesis 1:27,28) and its chief blessing (Psalm 127:3-5), (Lenski, p. 646).

This proverb expresses an insight that has been renewed and updated by modern psychology. The first years of a person's life are decisive for the shaping of character. The fundamental stance toward life is set early. Barring some radical intervention, the pattern remains for life. Therefore, the writer of Proverbs gave the admonition to "train up a child in the way he should go." As a rule, a person will continue in the way he starts in childhood. This truth is especially evident in a child's self-image and the pattern of his relationships with other persons. This is the time to lay the foundation for a right relation with God and other persons.

III. The Responsibility Of Children To Parents (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Children should learn that it is God's natural law for them to obey their parents. The child's first encounter with authority is parental. The right response to this authority will result in a disciplined life. This is so essential to a happy life. An undisciplined life is a life not worth living.

These verses are set in the midst of a whole set of guidelines on right relations between various Christian groups. Children need to learn respect and appreciation for their parents. Failure to learn respect for parents usually leads a child to lack respect for God and for authority figures in other areas of life.

Because a child has less experience than his parents, he is under obligation to obey them. Sometimes the child

cannot understand why he must observe certain restrictions, but he must not assume that no valid reason exists.

The promise connected with the commandment is especially true for a society. No society is viable that lacks reverence toward God and respect for authority. One reason criminals overflow our prisons is that these people never learned to respect, appreciate, and obey their parents. Therefore, they clash with authority.

IV. The Responsibility Of Parents To Children (Ephesians 6:4).

In Paul's day the privileges belonged to the father and the responsibility to the children. This verse recognizes the authority of the father, but it also points out his responsibility to the child. Paul reflected insight and Christian love when he admonished parents ("fathers") not to provoke their children through harsh disciplines, but to bring them up lovingly in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Two of the weightier responsibilities of parents to children are implied here. First, parents are to love their children. In so doing this means parents must give and share themselves with their children. Second, parents are to discipline their children consistently. The lack of discipline or inconsistent discipline will do damage to the child. But discipline in love will give the child security and teach them to acknowledge and respect authority.

Children can be driven to hostility and rebellion by unreasonable discipline and uncaring attitudes. Criminals most often come out of homes that either refused to discipline the children or used harsh and repressive methods. Hostility toward parents tends to transfer to a hostile attitude toward teachers, policemen, and any others who try to restrain the person. Therefore, parents have responsibilities to maintain a good relationship to their children, even when punishment is employed.

To be a parent is a great trust. It also is a great joy. The person who has never heard the pitter-patter of little feet at home has missed one of life's greatest blessings. But, on the other hand, to see brokenness of a parent over a wayward child is distressing indeed. It is real wisdom for parents to accept God's precepts as the pattern for their parenthood.